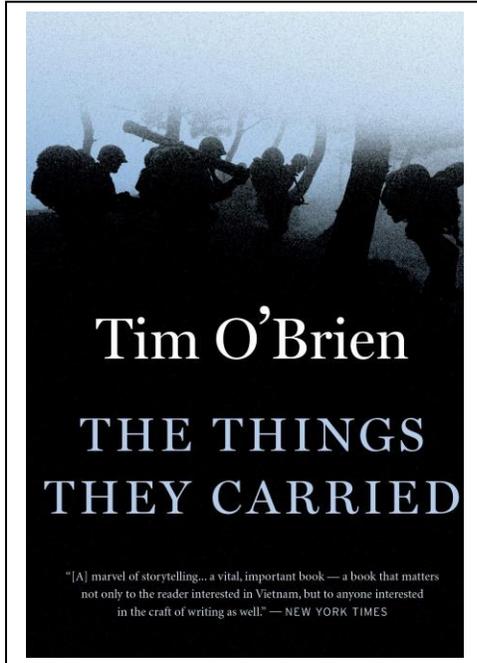


**Grade 11 English Honors III**  
*The Things They Carried*  
**Summer Reading Assignment**



For this assignment, there are several options from which to choose based on your analysis of the novel. Make sure to choose the **ONE** that is meaningful to you and that will allow you to do your best work.

1. Write a poem about war of at least 15 lines. Write an accompanying 300-word explanation about what themes from the text you were trying to portray.

2. Read 2 war poems and include them. Write a 400-word analysis of the poems you read, including thoughts about connecting themes.

3. Write a series of letters home (between 2 and 5). You might consider including one of Jimmy's letters to Martha, Kiowa's letter to his dad, or the letter from Jimmy Cross to Kiowa's father. These should be in

proper letter format, and should have a total of 400 words.

4. Write a dream journal for one of the characters from the book. You should include symbols, possibly ones that are not included in the novel. At least 400 words.

5. Identify a song about the Vietnam War era to play and include the lyrics in your typed paper. Analyze the lyrics as if they were a poem. Write a 400-word analysis of how it relates to a theme or character in the story.

6. Write an original song about the novel, characters, or the Vietnam War. You can borrow music from a song that has already been written, and you do not have to sing your song, but you still must read it to the class. Write an accompanying 300-word explanation about what themes from the text you were trying to portray.

Assignments should be typed in proper MLA format and properly headed. Remember to include quotes from the text, which should also be properly cited.

**Be prepared to present the 1<sup>st</sup> week of school**