

FRA English Department Summer Reading 2018

We require students to do summer reading to help them maintain their reading skills over the summer, engage their imaginations, and provide a common learning experience for students in the opening days of school.

Additionally, the required texts for each grade are linked thematically to the courses and help students and teachers establish a conceptual framework for the school year. All assignments are due the first day of school and unless the assignment asked for charts, posters, et cetera, all submissions should be typed in Times New Roman size 12 font and double spaced.

Dr. T – 11th Grade English

The Things They Carried-Tim O'Brien

Grapes of Wrath-John Steinbeck

Assignment for the Things They Carried: As you read the book make a chart and list the baggage, physical and emotional, that they carried. Interview a veteran or someone you know currently enlisted and asked about this "Baggage" and include it in your chart and also include their branch of service, years of service, and tours of duty. Specifically pay attention to Jimmy Cross, First Lieutenant (pages 1-5, 8, 13, 16); Henry Dobbins, Machine Gunner (pages 2,5,10,14-15, 21); Dave Jensen, PFC – Private First-Class (pages 2-4, 9-10, 13-15, 21); Ted Lavender, PFC (pages 2-3, 6,9,14-15,21); Mitchell Sanders, Radio Telephone Operator (pp 3, 5, 9, 14-15, 21); Norman Bowker, PFC – Private First-Class (pp 3, 13-15, 21); Rat Kiley, Medic (pp 3, 5-6, 9, 14-15, 21); Kiowa, PFC (pp 3, 7, 9, 14-15, 19, 21); Lee Strunk, PFC (pp 7, 11, 14-15, 21).

Assignment for Grapes of Wrath: Interview someone who was born during the 1930s or before and ask about their experiences and the impact this era of history had on their life, OR, complete the four-statement book review:

1. This book was about
2. My favorite character in the book is
3. I liked/didn't like this book because
4. I would recommend this book because

THE THINGS THEY CARRIED

Character

Physical Baggage

Emotional Baggage

Character	Physical Baggage	Emotional Baggage
Veteran or Enlisted person Interviewed: Use the back of this paper as space for more information.		
Jimmy Cross First Lieutenant (pages 1-5, 8, 13, 16)		
Henry Dobbins Machine Gunner (pages 2,5,10,14-15, 21)		
Dave Jensen PFC – Private First-Class (pages 2-4, 9-10, 13-15, 21)		
Ted Lavender PFC (pages 2-3, 6,9,14-15,21)		

THE THINGS THEY CARRIED

Character	Physical Baggage	Emotional Baggage
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BOOK REVIEW

Title of Book:
Author:
Date first Published:
Your Name:

Brief plot summary, include setting and themes.
Favorite character in the book and why - Least favorite character and why:
Favorite part of the book/most interesting part:
Your Evaluation and Recommendation of the book: