

# AP Language – 2019 Summer Reading Assignment

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Hello, and welcome to AP Language and Composition! In preparation for the upcoming school year and for the AP exam administered in May, all AP Language students are required to complete a summer reading assignment. The assignment requires that each AP Lang student:

1. Purchase and read *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien
2. Complete the study guide packet as directed

On return from summer break, students will be assessed on the summer assignment in the following ways:

1. First Day of Class:
  - Study Guide
    - Submit first 5 pages of packet for annotation check of background notes; 100-point quiz grade
    - Submit a PRINTED copy of your typed responses; 200-point quiz grade
2. First Week of Class
  - Study Guide
    - Register with TurnItIn and upload your typed study guide responses; 100-point homework grade
  - *The Things They Carried* (2-day assessment)
    - Day 1: Multiple-Choice test; 100-point test grade
    - Day 2: In-Class essay; 100-point test; grade

Just in case you misplace something over the summer, all documents needed to complete this assignment can be found on the ACA website ([www.acacademy.com](http://www.acacademy.com)) under the Current Families tab. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me at [nhill@acacademy.com](mailto:nhill@acacademy.com). I look forward to seeing you all in the upcoming term!

Happy reading!

- Mrs. Hill

*NOTE: There are moments of profanity within the Study Guide and The Things They Carried. Considering this story is written as a war memoir for one of America's most contentious military engagements, this is not surprising or necessarily out of place. O'Brien does NOT use profanity as simple filler, but rather to maintain the authenticity of his experience, to draw attention to issues of moral deficit, and to develop his ultimate discussion of war's effect on man. Please be aware that profanity can often be found in college-level literature. When these situations arise, they will be treated in an academic, Christian manner within the classroom.*