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## Authentic Intellectual Work

**Teacher – Lisa Pierson**

**Subject – English 1**

**Grade – 9th**

**Lesson – “The Things They Carried” Seminar discussion – Critical Reading**

**IC Essential Skills/Concepts – Use a variety of strategies and skills to comprehend and interpret complex literature.**

**Two H.O.T. questions to structure conversations in your classroom –**

**What would you predict or infer from this selection?**

**Based on your reading what can you conclude about how these men felt about war/each other?**

**Introduction/Background – Students have studied the background of the Vietnam War, and we have read the short story “The Things They Carried” by Tim O’Brien.**

**Task – Attached**

**Bring any supporting documents that will assist students in completing this task such as; rubrics, additional handouts, graphic organizers, Viking Pride in writing, etc.**

ENGLISH 1  
"THE THINGS THEY CARRIED"  
DISCUSSION ASSIGNMENT

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Tomorrow you will be participating in a seminar discussion. Each person will be responsible for part of that discussion. The following assignment will help you organize information so that you will have information to share during the discussion.

**Directions:**

1. Choose 5 sections from the story that caused a reaction from you, made you think, or that you thought were interesting.
2. Highlight those 5 sections. The section can consist of a phrase, a sentence, 2-3 sentences or the whole paragraph.
3. Once you have highlighted your selected sections, write down some notes that justify why you selected that section. Your reasons have to be more than "it's cool, I like it, it's intriguing". Ask yourself one of the following questions to focus your thinking.

H.O.T. Questions

What ideas can you add to ...? Why?

Based on the following observations, what can you conclude? Why?

What is the reasoning behind this perspective? Why?

Based on your reading what can you conclude about \_\_\_\_\_?

Why?

What would you have done in this situation? Why?

Was \_\_\_\_\_ worth the costs? Explain your answer.

THINK DEEP!!!!!!!

# "THE THINGS THEY CARRIED"

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SECTION 1

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What question did you ask yourself to start your thinking?

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JUSTIFICATION:

SECTION 2

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SECTION 3

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SECTION 4

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SECTION 5

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What question did you ask yourself to start your thinking?

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JUSTIFICATION:

Reflecting back on all you have learned. What would you have done if you were in this situation? Why?

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