

SUMMER READING LIST FOR ENGLISH COMPOSITION

*REQUIRED READINGS

1) **The Things They Carried** by Tim O'Brien

*Assignment: Analyze a chosen character from *The Things They Carried* in 2 parts--

Part 1: Visual Aid--You will create a visual that portrays the following:

- *the character's personality and experiences

- *5 of the things the character carried--physical, emotional, and/or symbolic

- *3 quotes about the character from two or more stories in the novel

Your visual can be one of the following:

collage, creative artwork or illustration, poster, or a wanted poster

Part 2: Writing Component--Write a three paragraph essay that explains your visual by answering three of the following questions (one for each paragraph):

- *What do the things they carry convey about your chosen character?

- *What was a defining moment of your character?

- *What does the character mean to hide? Why?

- *Do the character's actions match his/her inner thoughts?

- *Does the character change? Explain.

- *Is the character heroic? Tragic?

- *Judge the character's decisions--did she/he do the right thing?

You will share your assignment in class the first week of school.

This is a TEST grade!

2) **The Kite Runner** by Khaled Hosseini

*Assignment: Personality File--The following are the three pieces of your file that are required:

- *Eight journal entries that could have been written by the character you have chosen. The journal entries should accurately reflect the character as he/she is depicted by the author, as well as show your interpretation of the emotions attached to the events occurring in your character's life. Each entry should be one-page, typed.

- *A kite with a collage of pictures portraying the character--interests, appearance, likes, dislikes, personal philosophy or beliefs, etc.

- *A journal cover which represents your character with his/her name present.

Remember to be creative! The project grade will not only be based on how accurately you represent your chosen character, but also on how creatively you portray your understanding and insights.

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I hope you enjoy the readings. If you have any questions about the assignments, call me at tel:843-601-8010 [843-601-8010](tel:843-601-8010) or email gweller@tcstitans.org. Enjoy the summer...see you in August.

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