

IB Language & Literature SL and HL, Grade 12, Year 2

Summer Assignment: *The Things They Carried*, Tim O'Brien

Dear Diploma Program Language and Literature Students:

What follows is a short quote from the IB Lang and Lit Guide.

“All DP language programme subject groups promote a vision of learning in which the development of language skills and conceptual understandings of language are complementary to each other, so that the total learning experience of the student is as robust as possible.

As a result, DP students become more accomplished communicators in the languages they study when their abilities to read, write and speak about course content are reinforced and extended by an understanding of why and how people use language to communicate.”
(Language and Literature guide, first examinations 2021)

As you enter your *second* year of the language and literature program, my goal is to provide you with a meaningful and “robust” experience of study. I look forward to meeting you, learning with you and guiding you as you complete the course.

Your summer assignment comes in 3 parts:

1. You will read [*The Things They Carried*](#), by Tim O'Brien.
2. During or after reading, do not hesitate to annotate your own texts. (This should be common practice by now. I will not check annotations.)
3. Write a one-page, focused analysis on one aspect of the **Psychoanalytic Lens** in *The Things They Carried*.

Be prepared to share your writing in the first week of class.

Be prepared to discuss the text in depth upon your return to school in August.

I look forward to working with each of you!

Sincerely,
Kristin Doherty