

11TH GRADE ENGLISH REQUIRED SUMMER READING
Accelerated

All students, regardless of Muss attendance, must order two books:

Please read and bring with you:

The Things They Carried, by Tim O'Brien (See below for study questions.)

Also, please order and bring with you to Muss (to read later):

Death of a Salesman, by Arthur Miller - please order ISBN-13 978-0140481341

(If you are not attending Muss, please leave *Death of a Salesman* at home until needed.)

***The Things They Carried*, by Tim O'Brien [Note: Please get the physical book, not the electronic version, and bring it to class.]**

While there is no summer writing assignment for this book, you will be responsible for the answers to the following questions. Actively mark your book as you read.

1. What does this book tell us about America? About the American Dream?
2. Are any of the stories not about war?
3. What are some of the prominent metaphors in the stories?
4. Which chapter/ story is your favorite? Why? How is this story essential to the rest of the book?
5. Is this a political novel?

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. McLaughlin, tmclaughlin@jbha.org.

Recommended:

If Beale Street Could Talk, James Baldwin
March, Geraldine Brooks
Beloved, Toni Morrison
The Complete Stories, Flannery O'Connor
American Pastoral, Philip Roth