

**11TH GRADE ENGLISH REQUIRED SUMMER READING**  
**Grade-Level**

**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.)**

**Over the summer, read just the first story in the book, also called "The Things They Carried."**

**It is suggested that you read additional stories, but you are not required to.**

**Be prepared to discuss this first story, and to read other stories for homework as the trimester gets started.**

***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. Why is this story called "The Things They Carried"?
2. What characters do we meet in this story? Highlight each one, perhaps with a different colored highlighter for easy reference.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. McLaughlin, [tmclaughlin@jbha.org](mailto:tmclaughlin@jbha.org).