

To: Students enrolled in AP Language and Composition for the 2017-2018 School Year

From: English Department

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In preparation for your work in AP Language and Composition, the English Department is requiring that you read the following:

*The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien

Students are responsible for acquiring the text on their own. It is easily available through Amazon or other booksellers.

During the first week of school, students will be discussing the novel, and writing an in-class essay. It would be useful, therefore, to take some notes on the novel as you read. Consider the elements of fiction: character development, plot structure, narrative voice, setting, symbols, imagery, figurative language, and tone.