

11 AP Summer Reading Assignment

Girl in Hyacinth Blue, by Susan Vreeland

The Things They Carried, by Tim O'Brien

Directions: Complete this assignment for each book.

Select two passages where characters can be seen making difficult moral choices. (Each passage should be 1-2 pages long.) For each passage, write a 1- 1½ page commentary on how the choice is influenced by the circumstances in which the character finds him or herself. Also, evaluate the language used and comment on how this reveals the narrator's attitude toward the character's decision. Include specific support, including quotes, from the book. Quotes should be documented by including page numbers.

Requirements:

- Include a copy of each passage with the page number.
- You will be evaluated on the appropriateness of the passage you select; also, your passages should be from different parts of the book.
- Focus on analysis; refer to specific support, but **do not summarize**.
- Type your responses in 12 pt. Times, double spaced, with 1" margins.
- Each response must be 1- 1½ pages long.
- You must have a total of 4 responses.
- This assignment is due the first day of class. You must hand in a hard copy.
- All responses will be submitted to Turnitin.com during the first week of school. This is a web site that checks for plagiarism. This means that **you must have an electronic copy** of each response.

Following is the scoring guide that will be used for each of the four dilemmas. (The assignment is worth a total of 40 points.) Use this as a reference as you compose your responses. Your responses will not be scored if a copy of the passage is not included.

Dilemma 1

- Passage is appropriate for assignment
- Includes commentary on character and circumstances
- Includes commentary on language and narrator's attitude
- Avoids summary
- Includes sufficient support, including quotes
- Carefully edited
- Appropriate length, proper format

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Important Reminder: There will also be a test covering both novels on the first day of class.