

Hillside High School
12th Grade AP Summer Reading Assignment
2023-2024

Please read *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien and keep a dialectical journal as indicated below:

Note Taking	Note Making
<p>A dialectical journal is simply a double entry journal designed to give you, the reader, the opportunity to choose excerpts of text that “speak” to you from literature you are reading.</p> <p>For example: you may choose text that focuses on characterization, or text that presents imagery or symbolism. There may be some social, political, cultural themes that are presented. You can paraphrase, summarize or “quote directly,” and be sure to include the page number for future reference.</p> <p>Dialectical journaling is a way to take notes as you are reading for deeper comprehension and more meaningful textual connection.</p> <p>You are required to make 30 entries in response to your reading of <i>The Things They Carried</i>. A complete entry includes reference to or from the text under the note taking column including a page number AND an accompanying response as explained above in the note making column. Be sure your entries are thoughtful and specific, and represent the novel from beginning to end.</p> <p>EACH JOURNAL ENTRY IS TWO-PART</p>	<p>Once you have chosen an excerpt from the text, then you can write freely about what you found intriguing about it under this note making column. You will respond to every entry you make in the Note Taking column in the Note Making column. You may wish to question the text you chose, or you may choose to summarize, clarify, digest, think about or just remember something significant that happened in the narrative.</p> <p>You are essentially holding a conversation with yourself about the literature you are reading; you are listening to your own thoughts as you read and expressing them in this journal.</p> <p>You will receive 1 Test Grade for this assignment, which will be factored into the 50% component of your grading criteria. You will be referring to these journals for an analytical reading response essay during the first weeks of school in September.</p>

Please email me your completed work before the first day you return to school in September at lyoung@hillsidek12.net. Email with any questions. Have a good summer. Take care.