HONORS/AP SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT PURPOSE

Boerne ISD believes that the key to being a great reader is to read extensively, and the key to being a great writer is through exposure to great writing. Reading is not solely reserved for the school year; life-long learning stems from becoming a life-long reader. Summer provides time to enjoy uninterrupted reading that allows students to absorb and contemplate ideas from their reading experience in preparation for beginning of the school year literary discussions. Summer reading and the subsequent in-class assignments give students a strong foundation to build upon as they move through the Honors/AP English Language Arts program.

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Over the summer, read and annotate The Things They Carried by Tim O’Brien. You will then write a series of four one-page, single-spaced responses. Be sure to read over the requirements for each prompt before you begin reading so that you can annotate purposefully.

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We will be discussing many elements and sections of the book when we start school. Your annotations will also help you engage in these discussions.

Provide **FOUR** typed and printed responses. For each of the prompts, do the following:

- Identify an answer to the prompt
- Select a quotation that fits the required narrative technique.
- Write a thoughtful, thorough response regarding the significance of the quotation as an example of the narrative technique.

A. Select a quotation that is particularly indicative of **SETTING**. Discuss the significance of time and place and how the sensory details of the physical and/or social environment are important to the events that happen in that place.

B. Select a quotation that highlights an **EXTERNAL CONFLICT** between Tim and another character or between any other 2 characters. Discuss the significance of the conflict and how it is important.

C. Select a quotation that highlights an **INTERNAL CONFLICT** experienced by Tim. Discuss the significance of the conflict and how it helps the reader understand Tim and/or how it is important to his experience.

D. Select a quotation that highlights a **SYMBOL** developed in the text. Discuss the significance of the symbol and how it helps the reader understand character, plot, or setting in the novel.

Be thoughtful about your choices. Your responses should not overlap one another. In other words, use different quotations from different sections of the book for each response.

Sincerely,

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