

The Things They Carried
Optional Test Grade: 4-Part Blog Post Project.

- ☞ Choose 4 characters from the list below.
- ☞ Complete each project below (A, B, C, and D), 1 for each character.
- ☞ Post your project on you blog (all in one post). Title the blog post “The Things They Carried Optional Project.”
- ☞ DUE: Tuesday, April 10 (by 11:59pm).
- ☞ This counts as an optional major grade for the 5th 6 weeks. (It will not replace a major grade; it will be counted as an additional major grade.)

1. Jimmy Cross (Lieutenant Cross)
2. Ted Lavender
3. Kiowa
4. Rat Kiley
5. Norman Bowker
6. Tim O’Brien
7. Henry Dobbins
8. Lee Strunk
9. Mitchell Sanders
10. Kurt Lemon
11. Dave Jensen
12. Elroy Berdahl
13. Mary Anne Belle
14. Mark Fossie

Below are the 4 projects you will complete – 1 for each character.

- A. Create a PostSecret from 1 character. Your PostSecret must include a creative picture and words. Below it, you must explain what the secret means and who it is from.
- B. Create an Acrostic Poem for a 2nd character. Each word/phrase/sentence in the poem must begin with the letters in the character’s name. Each word/phrase/sentence must relate to the character.
- C. Create a symbolic recipe for a 3rd character.
- D. Write a 150-word letter from a 4th character to Tim O’Brien.

All work must be ORIGINAL! That means for the PostSecret, you will need to draw or take your own pictures; using images from the Internet is not permitted!

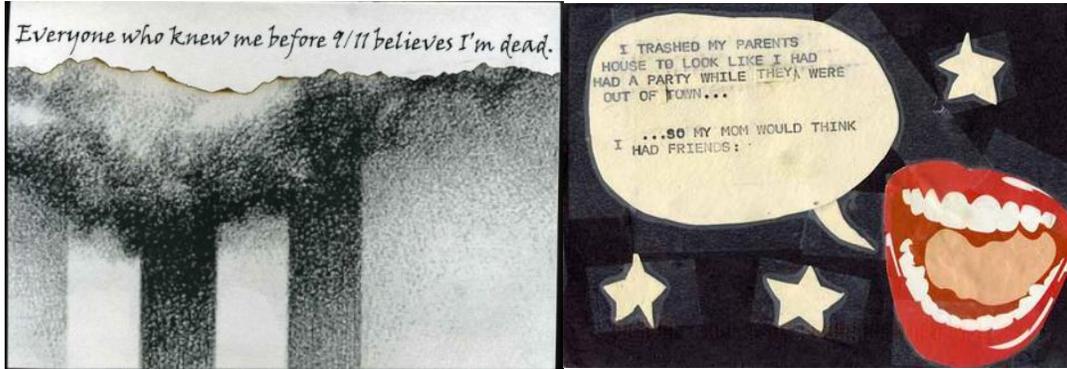
In order to get credit for this project, you must complete all 4 projects. Failure to do so will result in no credit!

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PostSecret

is an ongoing community art project where people mail in their secrets anonymously on one side of a postcard. Here are 2 examples:



Acrostics are “name poems.” Write the character’s name vertically. Use the letters in his/her name to complete your poem; you can use words, phrases, or full sentences in the acrostic. Each has to be related to the character. Here’s an example for Gatsby

Green light, he stared at often
All about Daisy
The most popular on West Egg
Suave
By himself when he was murdered.
Young, much too young to die

Symbolic Recipe. Your recipe must include a minimum of 6 ingredients and a minimum of 3 steps for preparation. Determine what ingredients/characteristics are combined to make up the character you have chosen. Include the character’s name in the recipe’s title. Remember to follow recipe format for ingredients and method of preparation, but think symbolically (a cup of evil, not a pound of flesh.)

Here’s an example for Abigail from *The Crucible*.

Abigail Stew

Ingredients

1 c. dishonesty
1 c. selfishness
½ c. debauchery
½ c. childishness
1 Tbsp. vengeance
1 Tbsp. fear

Instructions

- 1 Blend first three ingredients
- 2 Slowly fold in childishness
- 3 Bake at 350 for 1 hour
- 4 Sprinkle with vengeance and fear
- 5 Serve to those who need a dose of their own medicine

Letter to Tim: Write a letter from the perspective of one of the characters to Tim O’Brien, the narrator. (This letter should NOT be from Tim, to Tim!) Start your letter with a greeting (Dear Tim), and end with a salutation (Sincerely/Truly/etc.) Your letter must be at least 150 words. Multiple paragraphs are recommended to better organize your character’s thoughts.