

*The Things They Carried* Journal Assignment. For each chapter you read, you will find at least ONE quote for at least FOUR themes below.

### THEMES

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| ⊕ blame      | ⊕ reputation |
| ⊕ burdens    | ⊕ respect    |
| ⊕ courage    | ⊕ shame      |
| ⊕ friendship | ⊕ truth      |
| ⊕ guilt      | ⊕ weakness   |

#### Chapter 1: "The Things They Carried" (Wednesday - Thursday, April 13-14)

1. What would you carry? Activity.
2. 4 Theme Quotes
3. What different stories are told in this chapter?
4. Make a character chart in which you list the following for at least 7 characters:
  - a. Physical description
  - b. Personality/temperament characteristics
  - c. Things he carries
5. How does Ted Lavender's death affect Lieutenant Jimmy Cross?
6. As you read, jot down your thoughts/reactions/feelings/etc to what you have read in this chapter.
7. Text connection/Lit Quote Analysis (choose 1)

#### Chapter 2: "Love" (Friday, April 15 - read on your own)

#### Chapter 3: "On the Rainy River" (Monday, April 18...)

1. December 1969 Draft Activity
2. 4 Theme Quotes
3. As you read, jot down your thoughts/reactions/feelings/etc to what you have read in this chapter.
4. Why do you think this story makes the narrator, Tim O'Brien, "squirm"?
5. Handouts: Compare "Fortunate Son" with "On the Rainy River." Compare "The Things They Carried" passage with "On the Rainy River" passage.
6. Text connection/Lit Quote Analysis (choose another)