**2017 AP English Language and Composition Summer Homework**

Students are required to read and annotate *The Things They Carried* by Tim O’Brien following the guidelines provided. Expect to be tested on the book.

**Complete all 4 of the following tasks:**

Task 1: Annotate *The Things They Carried* thoroughly. The more you do, the more successful you will be on the culminating assignment. You should average at least three a chapter.

Task 2: Select a chapter that stood out to you and reflect on why this particular chapter was remarkable. Be prepared to defend your choice using specific quotes and author’s choices to justify your response.

Task 3: Be prepared to answer the following question:

How does the metaphor of the things they carried convey O’Brien’s message?

 Task 4: AP English Language and Composition will require you to have an awareness of what is happening and to understand the implications of political, cultural and societal changes.

* Make a point of visiting and reading news sites at least once a week.
* Be prepared to discuss topics you have been following throughout the summer.

**Guidelines for Annotating Text** (see back for rubric)

You may write in the margins of your text or use post-it notes placed on pages you wish to comment on. Simply highlighting and underlining **does not** constitute annotating. When annotating you should:

* Have a conversation with the author
* Highlight key words or sentences. Write your reactions to them and write up the questions that they raise for you.
* Your thinking should be apparent: write your theories and points of agreement and disagreement with the author
* Comment on the use, effect and purpose of DIDLS (Diction, Imagery, Detail Selection, Language-Figurative, and Syntax)
* Comment on character, symbol, and theme development.
* At the end of each chapter, reflect on the key concepts introduced or how the chapter may have contributed to development of themes.