

**Summer Reading for English 11
Class of 2012**

The Things They Carried is a powerful, beautifully written collection of stories and vignettes about the Vietnam War and its psychological aftermath in the lives of the soldiers who fought there.

During the first week of school in the fall, you will be assessed on your reading and interpretation of the novel through discussions and, perhaps, a quiz or test.

You will also be writing a personal essay about something(s)—literal or figurative—you “carry” with you every day.