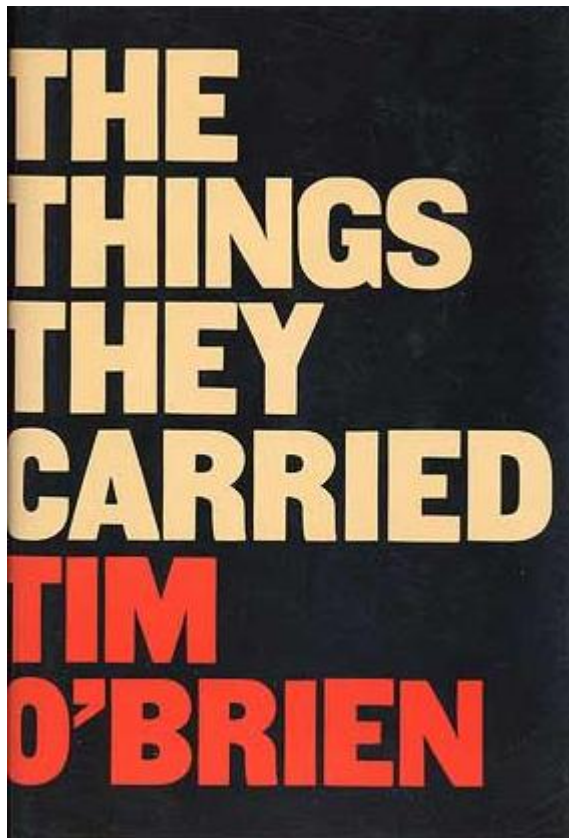


AP English Language Extra Credit Assignment

Due Date: Monday, January 5, 2014

You have the opportunity to earn 15 points of extra credit. That's enough points to replace an unfortunate prompt grade. Your task: Write a story in which you mimic Tim O'Brien's style. You will call that story, "The Things We Carry."

- **Setting:**
(O'Brien = Vietnam War) You will use UEHS.
- **Characters:**
(O'Brien = the men in Lt. Jimmy Cross' platoon) You will use a group of your friends.
- **Theme/Plot:** Write about what you and your friends "carry" each day. What do these things symbolize? Why do you carry them? Think both literally and metaphorically. Why do you carry what you carry?
- **Length:** Aim for 500 - 700 words, typed, single space



"They carried all they could bear, and then some, including a silent awe for the terrible power of the things they carried" (O'Brien 7).