

AP English Language and Composition

Summer Reading Assignment 2016

Morris Hills Regional District

Required Summer Reading Texts:

- *1984*, George Orwell
- *The Things They Carried*, Tim O'Brien

Assignment:

Part I:

Using colored tabs (sticky notes), color-code each book as you read, marking moments in the text that reflect the following “big ideas:” **emerging themes** and **language choices**.

Be sure that your tab is placed next to the intended section. Either in the text or on the tab comment on the significance of the designated passage in terms of theme and language choice.

Possible themes:

<i>1984</i>	<i>The Things They Carried</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● The importance of language● The complexity of human consciousness● Propaganda and manipulation● Government Surveillance vs. Individual Rights● The need for intimacy● Any other emerging messages noted	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● The complexity of human consciousness● The symptoms of guilt, fear or shame● Therapy through language● The effects of violence and war● The nature of the storytelling● Any other emerging messages noted

Possible language choices:

Figurative Language, Imagery, Diction, Details, Syntax, Tone, Allusions, Arrangement and any other choice that stands out to you.

Part II:

Will be administered in class in September.

This assignment is in addition to the District Summer Reading Assignment.