

2017-2018 Year 11 Literature Holiday Homework

Expectations:

- You are expected to watch *Little Miss Sunshine* and read *The Things They Carried* over the summer holidays.
- Your holiday homework is due in your first Literature lesson of 2018.
- Your teacher is required to inform Senior School of any students who have not completed the homework to a satisfactory standard or have possible authentication concerns.
- The homework may be typed or handwritten.

Purpose:

- You need to have a solid knowledge and understanding of the texts before you can develop the kind of thinking that will bring you strong results in your SACs and exam. The thoroughness of your holiday homework directly benefits you.

Equipment

- **Please bring one 48/64 page exercise book to your first Literature class.** All your written SACs will be completed in this exercise book. Your teacher will bring this book to each SAC session.
- Make sure you have a **good quality dictionary**. You are **not permitted to use dictionaries** during your SACs or exam, so you must ensure that you look up and understand any unfamiliar words during class time or work at home time.

HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

PART A:

1. Watch *Little Miss Sunshine*, taking notes on key scenes, characters, and quotes as you watch.

2. For *Little Miss Sunshine*, answer the questions below on Marxist theory (5-6 lines each):

- a. What role does class play in the work; what is the author's analysis of class relations?
- b. To what extent is this piece a truthful and accurate representation (or reflection) of the social ideology of its time?
- c. How does this piece subvert (go against) the dominant ideology?
- d. How accessible is this work to the masses (the larger, often non-dominant class of society)?
- e. What parallels can we make between this piece and other elements of our society?

(see PART B on back of page)

PART B:

- 3. Read and annotate *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien.**
- 4. Respond to ALL the attached questions and activities provided on *The Things They Carried*:**

Questions

1. Conduct some research on the Vietnam War.
 - a. What was the cause of the Vietnam War?
 - b. What countries were involved?
 - c. What was the nature of the warfare in the Vietnam War? How might it have been different to World War I and II?
 - d. What was the system of conscription in the USA?
 - e. What were the attitudes towards the war and conscription in the USA? (*Minimum 5 sentences for this question*)
2. Read over the first chapter and write a paragraph explaining the possible significance of the title *The Things They Carried*. (*Remember: there is no right or wrong answer – just give your ideas*).
3. Provide 5 quotes that seem to show the narrator's view of the war. For each one, write 2 sentences explaining what you think the quote means.
4. O'Brien's novel is full of recurring images and flashbacks. Why do you think O'Brien writes in this way? What do you think he is suggesting about how our minds work? (*Minimum 4 sentences*)