

# **Holiday Homework**

## **Year 11 Literature 2017**

**Due: First lesson of 2017**

- **Read and annotate the prescribed text:**  
Tim O'Brien, *The Things They Carried*
- **Respond to ALL the attached questions and activities provided on *The Things They Carried***

**Note: For some of these questions, you may be able to find an answer online. If you write down that answer as your own, you'll be treated as not having completed your holiday homework.**

### **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*)