Junior Summer Reading Assignment

Over the summer mandatory reading logs are to be completed based on the assigned 11th grade text. The logs will be reviewed by the English teacher. Additionally, each sophomore is to complete a graphic organizer to categorize thinking and understanding of the text. The graphic organizers will also be reviewed by the English teacher. Finally, be prepared for an exam based on the assigned reading. The exam will be administered during the second week of school, approximately. The exam will consist of short answer essays and multiple choice questions.

The 11th grade text is The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien

NOTE: Hard copies of the log and the graphic organizer are provided. Additional copies of the logs and the graphic organizer are available at the school website www.mckeeths.org
July 3
Start reading the book *The Things They Carried*.
You have 20 days to read this book.

Started reading at ____________ and finished reading at ______________.
I read up to page ________ today.

3 new words I learned today:
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Here is what happened today:
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Note: Characters; setting; conflicts.
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Which character can you really relate to? Explain your similarities.
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July 4
You have 19 days left to finish *The Things They Carried*

Started reading at ______________ and finished reading at ______________

I read up to page __________ today.

3 new words I learned today:

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Here is what happened today:

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Note: Characters; setting; conflicts.

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July 7
You have 18 days left to finish *The Things They Carried*

Started reading at ______________ and finished reading at ______________

I read up to page __________ today.

3 new words I learned today:

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Here is what happened today:


Note: Characters; setting; conflicts.


Give a physical description as well as a description of each character's personality. Does the author use a direct or indirect method of revealing the characterization?


What is the narrator's feeling about the war in Vietnam? Why does he feel this way?
July 8
You have 17 days left to finish The Things They Carried

Started reading at ____________ and finished reading at ______________.
I read up to page ________ today.

3 new words I learned today:

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; setting; conflicts.

Describe the setting of the story. Include location, time period, and socioeconomic characteristics.
July 9
You have 16 days left to finish The Things They Carried

Started reading at ____________ and finished reading at ____________.

I read up to page _______ today.

3 new words I learned today:

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Here is what happened today:

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Note: Characters; setting; conflicts.

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What is the overall mood of the characters in the story?

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July 10
You have 15 days left to finish *The Things They Carried*

Started reading at ____________ and finished reading at ____________.
I read up to page _________ today.

3 new words I learned today:
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Here is what happened today:
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Note: Characters; setting; conflicts.
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How does the setting of the story affect the characters?
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July 11
You have 14 days left to finish *The Things They Carried*

Started reading at ____________ and finished reading at ____________.
I read up to page _________ today.
3 new words I learned today:


Here is what happened today:


Note: Characters; setting; conflicts.


Will you continue to think about what you read today once you finish today's reading assignment? Why or why not?


July 14
You have 13 days left to finish *The Things They Carried*. 

Started reading at __________ and finished reading at __________.

Read up to page ________ today.
3 new words I learned today:

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; setting; conflicts.

(from Section 3, pages 67-116)
What was Mary Anne wearing when Fossie went to claim her?

July 15
You have 12 days left to finish *The Things They Carried*

Started reading at _____________ and finished reading at _____________.
I read up to page _________ today.

3 new words I learned today:

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The Things They Carried

Name: ____________________________

Here is what happened today:

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Note: Characters; setting; conflicts.

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What effect has the setting of the story had on the plot? Give evidence from the story to support your answer.

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July 16

You have 11 days left to finish The Things They Carried

Started reading at _____________ and finished reading at ________________

Read up to page ________ today.

New words I learned today: ____________________________________________
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Here is what happened today:

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Note: Characters; setting; conflicts.

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If you could rewrite a part of the story, which part would it be and why?

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Draw a diagram to illustrate the frequency of interaction and the level of connectivity between the characters of the story.

**July 17**

You have 10 days left to finish *The Things They Carried*

Started reading at ___________ and finished reading at ___________.

I read up to page ________ today.

3 new words I learned today: __________________________________________

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Here is what happened today:

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Note: Characters: setting: conflicts.
Which character is best portraying the author's theme? Give reasons for your answer.

(from Section 4, pages 117-136)
Why did Kiowa call it a "good kill"?

July 18
You have 9 days left to finish *The Things They Carried*

Started reading at ___________ and finished reading at _______________.
I read up to page _________ today.

3 new words I learned today: ________________________________
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Here is what happened today:
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Note: Characters; setting; conflicts.
(from Section 5, pages 137-178)
In what two ways did Tim view his writing?

July 21
You have 8 days left to finish The Things They Carried

Started reading at ____________ and finished reading at ______________.
read up to page ________ today.

3 new words I learned today: ________________________________________

Here is what happened today:
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Note: Characters; setting; conflicts.
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How has the main character changed throughout the story?
July 22
You have 7 days left to finish *The Things They Carried*

Started reading at __________ and finished reading at ______________.

I read up to page _______ today.

3 new words I learned today:

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Here is what happened today:

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Note: Characters; setting; conflicts.

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Name one decision the main character has made that you would have done differently. How might your decision have changed the plot of the story?
July 23
You have 6 days left to finish *The Things They Carried*

Started reading at ____________ and finished reading at ____________.
I read up to page _______ today.

3 new words I learned today:

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Here is what happened today:

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Note: Characters; setting; conflicts.

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Section 6, pages 177-218
How did the waste field look to him on this visit?
July 24
You have 5 days left to finish *The Things They Carried*

Started reading at ____________ and finished reading at ____________.
I read up to page ________ today.

3 new words I learned today:


Here is what happened today:


Note: Characters; setting; conflicts.


Is the theme stated or implied? Give evidence from the story to support your answer.


July 25
You have 4 days left to finish *The Things They Carried*

Started reading at ____________ and finished reading at ____________.
I read up to page ________ today.
3 new words I learned today:

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; setting; conflicts.

July 28
You have 2 days left to finish *The Things They Carried*

Started reading at __________ and finished reading at __________.
read up to page ________ today.

new words I learned today:

Here is what happened today:
Name:

Note: Characters; setting; conflicts.

July 29
You have 2 days left to finish *The Things They Carried*

Started reading at ___________ and finished reading at ___________.
I read up to page _______ today.

3 new words I learned today:

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Here is what happened today:

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Note: Characters; setting; conflicts.
How did Ted Lavender cope with the war?

July 30
Finish reading the book *The Things They Carried*
Finally, you can finish this book today!

Started reading at __________ and finished reading at __________.
read up to page ______ today.

3 new words I learned today:

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Here is what happened today:

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Note: Characters; setting; conflicts.

Describe these characters: Tim O'Brien, Jimmy Cross, Rat Kiley, Norman Bowker, Azar.

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Would you recommend this novel to a friend? Why or why not?

On one occasion, the narrator described the war like:
A. An elephant
B. A ping-pong ball
C. A violent debate
D. A freight train

What good luck charm did Jimmy Cross receive from Martha?
A. A pair of nylons
B. A pebble
C. A medal
D. A cross

Whom does Tim take with him when he returns to Vietnam twenty years after the war?
A. His daughter
B. His wife
C. His parents
D. Linda
Identify the Central Theme from your reading:

Identify the following Literary Terms:
* Characterization –
* Internal Conflict –
* External Conflict –

Identify the Historical Significance/Theme (i.e. power, technology, conflict, culture, etc.):

* Antagonist – Protagonist
* Setting –

Imagery - Sensory Details / Textual Evidence:
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Research quotes and identify one that relates to the Central Idea of the novel. Resources you can use, among others are:

- www.quoteland.com
- www.BrainyQuote.com