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Scholars' Academy Class _____

Summer Reading Project
11th Grade English

The Things They Carried is an account of United States soldiers during the Vietnam War. These soldiers carried with them physical objects as well as intangible items. The intangible items that these soldiers carried ultimately determined how they perceived the world around them. For your summer reading assignment you must take on the role of a character in The Things They Carried and write a letter home to a relative, friend, or significant other.

The following are the requirements for the summer reading project:

1. Choose one of the members of Alpha Company in whose position you will put yourself, and who you will analyze.
2. Keep in mind this character's:
 - a. Behavior
 - b. How they react to problems/situations
 - c. How others perceive him/her
 - d. Physical traits
 - e. Background of that character
 - f. Beliefs
3. Write a letter home describing this character's experiences and how he/she perceives the world. Your letter should include their personal challenges and experiences during the Vietnam War as described in the novel The Things They Carried.
4. Your paper must be 2 pages long, double spaced, and with 1 inch margins. In addition you must use size 12 font and Times New Roman (***not in bold***).