Junior English

*TTTC* Final Thoughts

Over the past few weeks our class discussions, activities and writing have focused on Tim O’Brien’s story, *The Things They Carried.*

Take some time to review your annotations and reflect on the story. Be sure to consider how O’Brien structures the story, how you feel about the ideas presented and what O’Brien is trying to illustrate. Then, choose three of the topics from the book that you are interested in examining in greater detail. Your choices should reflect or capture the most intriguing and/or challenging ideas that you have grappled with while reading this text.

For **each** of the three topics, write a thoughtful and thorough paragraph that explores what *The Things They Carried* illustrates. Your paragraphs should begin to address the many layers of each topic. Are there connections between any of these topics? What is O’Brien trying to show us about these ideas? Think back to our group discussions, readings and activities to help you with this. In the end you should have three strong paragraphs centering on your understanding of the text.

Please bring these typed paragraphs to our next class. You will use your paragraphs to begin to address an essay question about the text.