

English 12 Honors ONLINE - Summer Reading Assignment

Welcome to Honors English 12 Online! Your summer reading assignment is comprised of the following titles:

The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien

AND

A Doll's House by Henrik Ibsen

Good readers interact with a text in order to increase comprehension and to awaken critical insight. To that end, we strongly recommend that each student purchase his or her own copy of the required text. While reading, you will want to annotate (underline, highlight, write notes) significant literary elements within the text. It is not necessary to purchase a new book. You can locate a used edition through many online booksellers. Regardless of the semester in which you are scheduled for Honors English 12 Online, your assignment is due on the first day of school in August. Your online teacher will notify you via your BASD Gmail account as to how to submit the completed work.

Assignment for *The Things They Carried*

1. You will do a character analysis *The Things They Carried*.
2. You will identify passages (textual support), which reveal characters' traits both direct and indirect for the characters in O'Brien's vignettes. Specifically, focus on the characters and their interactions with each other, as well as their internal conflicts. Additionally, the idea of war and how each character views it should be a focus.
3. You will select 2-3 passages per character from the novel that you feel are important or meaningful in which to relate to the characters.
4. General Instructions • Each entry should be typed in the appropriate format and should be approximately 1/4 page in length. • Make sure to include the page number after the quoted text. • Include the text passage and your analysis of the character. • See sample of format on the next page.

Assignment for *A Doll's House*

1. You will do a character analysis *A Doll's House*.
2. You will identify passages (textual support), which reveal characters' traits both direct and indirect for the characters in Ibsen's play. Specifically, focus on the characters and their interactions with each other, as well as their internal conflicts. Additionally, gender roles should be a focus.
3. You will select 3-4 passages per character from the novel that you feel are important or meaningful in which to relate to the characters.
4. General Instructions • Each entry should be typed in the appropriate format and should be approximately 1/4 page in length. • Make sure to include the page number after the quoted text. • Include the text passage and your analysis of the character. • See sample of format on the next page.

SAMPLE ENTRY

Please type the following header (left side) on your assignment:

Your name

Teacher name

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Date

The Things They Carried Assignment

Entry 1

<p><i>Text:</i> “Record the text from your novel in this space. Do not use ellipsis before, after or during a quote. If the passage is important enough to comment on, then quote it all. Don’t forget to include the page number after the quote” (41).</p>	<p><i>Analysis:</i> In this space you are to examine how the character interacts with other characters, as well as analyze internal conflict. Trace the development of these relationships and analyze how the author reveals their external/internal conflicts. This is also where you will analyze the characters’ views of war.</p>
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A Doll’s House Assignment

Entry 1

<p><i>Text:</i> “Record the text from the play in this space. Do not use ellipsis before, after or during a quote. If the passage is important enough to comment on, then quote it all. Don’t forget to include the page number after the quote” (25).</p>	<p><i>Analysis:</i> In this space you are to examine how the character interacts with other characters, as well as analyze internal conflict. Trace the development of these relationships and analyze how the author reveals their external/internal conflicts. This is also where you will analyze the gender roles present in the play.</p>
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During the first week of class, you will be given a timed writing assessment based on your understanding and analysis of *The Things They Carried* and/or *A Doll’s House*. Be prepared for either prompt.