

Girl in Hyacinth Blue by Susan Vreeland
The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien

Writing Assignment:

- Complete this writing assignment for each book.
- Select two passages where characters can be seen making difficult moral choices.
- For each passage, write a 1- 1½ page commentary on how the choice is influenced by the circumstances in which the character finds him or herself. Also, evaluate the language used and comment on how this reveals the narrator's attitude toward the character's decision. Include specific support, including quotes, from the book
- Quotes should be documented by including page numbers.

Requirements:

- Include a copy of each passage with the page number.
- You will be evaluated on the appropriateness of the passage you select; also, your passages should be from different parts of the book.
- Focus on analysis; refer to specific support, but do not summarize.
- Type your responses in 12 pt. Times, double spaced, with 1" margins.
- Each response must be 1- 1½ pages long.
- You must have a total of 4 responses.
- This assignment is due the first day of class.
- All responses will be submitted to Turnitin.com during the first week of school. This is a web site that checks for plagiarism. This means that you must have an electronic copy of each response.
- There will also be a test covering both books on the first day of class.
- Be prepared to bring both books with you to school during the first week of class.

Creative Assignment:

- Select one creative project from the list provided. Complete this project for one of the two required books.
- You will need to present your creative project to the class in a 2-3 minute presentation.
- This project will be due the first week of school.