

The assignments below will be due during the end of the first week of school. You will not be able to complete the assignments if you have not read the books in their entirety. Your completed assignments can either be typed/hand written and placed in a folder with 3 prongs. In addition to the assignments below, there will be multiple discussions and activities in class when the school year starts, as well as a test on each novel.

The Things They Carried by Tim O'Brien [10 points each]

- Style Discussion Chart: Make a list of the writing style elements you recognized while reading this novel.
- Response #1 → The Things They Carried; Love, Spin; On the Rainy River; Enemies
- Response #2 → Friends; How to Tell a True War Story; The Dentist; Sweetheart of the Song Tra Bong; Stockings; Church
- Response #3 → The Man I Killed; Ambush; Style; Speaking of Courage; Notes; In the Field
- Response #4 → Good Form; Field Trip; The Ghost Soldiers; Night Life; The Lives of the Dead

The Glass Castle by Jeanette Walls [10 points each]

- Style Discussion Chart: Make a list of the writing style elements you recognized while reading this novel.
- Response #5 → Part I: A Woman on the Street
- Response #6 → Part II: The Desert
- Response #7 → Part III: Welch
- Response #8 → Part IV: New York City & Part V: Thanksgiving

Stylist Chart: You will keep a running list of the stylistic elements you recognize while reading each book. Indicate the page numbers whenever possible to show an example of the device. If it is something that pertains to the entire book, then a page number is not necessary. For example, what kind of vocabulary is used? Similes? Metaphors? Etc.

Reader Response Journals: You must write 4 response journal entries per book. The chapters or sections to focus on for these entries is listed above. These are not summaries. They should show you have interacted with the text and thought about the content in relation to your experiences.