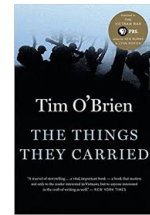
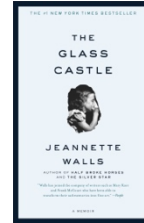


## AICE English Language AS & A Level

### Summer Reading 2018/19

Read both books & complete assignment below for each one.



“The Glass Castle is a 2005 memoir by Jeannette Walls. The book recounts Walls' and her siblings' unconventional, poverty-stricken upbringing at the hands of their deeply dysfunctional parents.”

“*The Things They Carried* is a collection of linked short stories by American novelist Tim O'Brien, about a platoon of American soldiers fighting on the ground in the Vietnam War.”

A **SNIPPET** is a small bit of text, a phrase or sentence – at the most, two sentences if they are not long.

As you read, you are to find **TEN SNIPPETS** throughout each book –not just from the first chapters, or just at the end, but scattered throughout the book. You may choose the snippet because...

- It might puzzle you, perplex you, delight you, anger you, or strike you with its truth, irony, rightness, or weirdness.
- It might reveal character, suggest a mood or atmosphere, or is part of a pattern you might have noticed.
- Maybe it reminds you of something or someone in your own life.

Record the page number where each snippet is found, write the entire snippet, and then explain in a few sentences why this struck you as a noteworthy line. “I don’t know; I just liked it” is NOT an explanation. Put some thought into why you liked, or didn’t like it, or why it POPPED for you.

Your assignment is due on **August 31, 2018**. It will be turned in to your AICE English Language teacher by this date. Late assignments will incur a 10% penalty per day, up to 3 days after the due date. Any submission after this time, will receive 0 credit.

Expect to field questions about your snippets and show that you have read both books.

The assignment is to be neatly done, typed and printed out. It should follow MLA style formatting (12 pt font, either Arial or Times New Roman, double spaced) with the top left corner containing your name, the course title, and the due date.

Refer to the citation website below if you are unsure of how this should look.

<https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>

**TEST:** There will also be an in-class test for both books on **September 7, 2018**.

Feel free to e-mail me over the summer with any questions: [alibertok@pcsb.org](mailto:alibertok@pcsb.org)

\*Summer reading assignment & test are worth 10% of your 1<sup>st</sup> grading period grade.