The Things They Carried - Reading Activities

**Classwork for “The Things They Carried”**

**Due Before Class on Monday**

**Bring Drawing to Class**

Create a character sketch for one of the following characters:

* Jimmy Cross
* Henry Dobbins
* Dave Jensen
* Ted Lavender
* Norman Bowker
* Kiowa
* Rat Kiley
* Henry Dobbins
* Mitchell Sanders
* Lee Strunk

Your character sketch must include:

1. The character's name at the top of the page.
2. Your name (or legible signature) in the bottom right corner.
3. Image of the character as you imagine them based on the author's descriptions.
4. Drawings of at least three of the things that soldier carries, with a written explanation for each thing of why that soldier carries it, and what the object represents to them. (Think symbolically!)
5. A line from the book that represents that character with a page number.

**Homework for “Spin”**

**Due Before Class on Tuesday**

**Turn In to Google Classroom**

In a carefully crafted paragraph or more:

* Name at least three contrasts that O’Brien sets up in this story.
* Explain why O’Brien sets up those contrasts. What is he trying to communicate with them?
* Include at least one piece of evidence to back up your interpretation.

**Challenge Extension for “On Rainy River”**

**Due Before Class on Wednesday**

**Email to Ally for Credit**

In a carefully crafted paragraph or more:

* Evaluate O’Brien’s decision. Do you think it was right? Why or why not?
* Describe what you would have done in O’Brien’s situation and explain why.