

Lens Analysis Essay for TTTC

Your final assessment for the novel, The Things They Carried is an analytical essay on a chapter of your choice (you may pair a short chapter with another if appropriate) from the novel. You are to choose an appropriate lens (other than the reader response lens) write a well connected essay that demonstrates a clear and comprehensive understanding of the chapter and of the lens.

- ✓ Reread and closely examine your chosen chapter in The Things They Carried.
- ✓ Then refresh your memory with all the possible lenses you could choose from.
- ✓ Choose the lens that best lends its self to a detailed analysis of the chapter.
- ✓ You are to come to a conclusion through this lens and have a clear, well-backed thesis statement.
 - For example: Mary Anne Bell, the central female figure in "Sweet-heart of Song-Tra-Bong," is Tim O'Brien's attempt to symbolize the manner in which all people are changed negatively by war.
 - For example: In the chapter "The Man I Killed," it become clear that Tim O'Brien feels so guilty for his actions in the Vietnam war that he represses his own feelings and takes on the emotional baggage of others' actions, loses the basic understanding of truth, and continues to psychologically relive his experiences by rewriting history.
- ✓ Be sure to have evidence to in quotation form, cited and analyzed all in support of your thesis statement.
- ✓ Your essay should be typed double spaced, 1" margins, Time New Roman font, size 12, include a separate title page, and be approximately 1 1/2 to 3 pages.
- ✓ Your essay is due Tuesday, October 20, 2009