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\$1000.00 *"The Things They Carried"* by Tim O'Brien Scholarship Essay

Jacksonville - WJCT, the Duval County Public Schools and the Jacksonville Public Library announce a scholarship essay contest based on Tim O'Brien's book *"The Things They Carried"*, a collection of related stories about a platoon of American soldiers in the Vietnam War, originally published in hardcover in 1990.

This scholarship is available to graduating high school seniors (public, private or homeschooled) in Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau or St. Johns counties in Florida whose permanent address is in one of these counties and will be in a program of study in by the fall of 2012 at an accredited institution of higher education (this includes a four-year college or university, a two- year community/state college, or a vocational/technical school) or joining the military.

All essays must be emailed to bdculkeen@wjct.org by midnight March 18, 2012. All essays must be double spaced in Arial 12 point font. Include your full name, address, phone number and email address, along with the name and county of your school and your guidance counselor's name and contact information. Essays which fail to abide to these rules will not be accepted; late entries will not be accepted. One \$1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to the graduating high school senior who submits the winning essay. Recipients of the scholarship will be determined based on quality of work submitted as judged by the scholarship committee. All decisions of the judges are final.

Read the book *"The Thing They Carried"* by Tim O'Brien and write an essay of not less than 1500 but not more than 3000 words on the following topic:

In the title story, soldiers carry things both tangible and intangible. What item was most surprising? Which item did you find most evocative of war?