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**American Literature and Composition Honors**  
**“The Things They Carried”**  
**Lesson Assessment**

Directions: Please consider the physical/tangible items you carry in your backpack, wallet, or purse. Choose one item and explain why you “hump” this item with you wherever you go. Explain the emotional burden this item brings with you rather than just the physical strength it may or may not take to carry it. An example has been completed for you. Students will be chosen at random to share the item they have listed and will turn in their lists as a final assessment grade at the end of class.

<b>Name of Item</b>	<b>Explain why you “hump” this item with you wherever you go.</b>	<b>Explain the emotional burden this item presents rather than just the physical strength it may or may not take to carry it.</b>
A charm that lists the date of my son’s death.	I “hump” this item with me as a constant reminder of his tiny soul that was taken from my husband and me too early. Now an angel in heaven, I find comfort in the thought that a piece of him is always with me, watching over my family and protecting us.	I am constantly reminded of the pain from his untimely death and the void in my heart because I will never know the man he would have become.