



The Things They Carried Driving Questions

Driving Questions	Initial Answer	Final Answer
What is O'Brien trying to accomplish through storytelling?	Text evidence:	Text evidence:
What do these stories reveal about the Vietnam War?	Text evidence:	Text evidence:
What is the purpose of O'Brien reminding the reader that some of the stories, or parts of them, are not true?	Text evidence:	Text evidence:
In what ways can "story-truth," as O'Brien calls it, be truer than "happening-truth"?	Text evidence:	Text evidence:

What is the effect of O'Brien retelling some stories in different ways?	Text evidence:	Text evidence:
Which stories do you find most affecting and why?	Text evidence:	Text evidence:
Can a story save someone's life?	Text evidence:	Text evidence: