The Things They Carried Poster Rotation Instructions

Number students off as they enter. Project the following instructions:

Step 1: Go to the station for your number. Review the story(ies) and any notes you took by yourself.

- 1. Enemies / Friends
- 2. How to Tell a True War Story / The Dentist
- 3. Sweetheart of the Song Tra Bong
- 4. Stockings / Church
- 5. The Man I Killed

Step 2: TALK it out ⊙

- Talk through the basic plot of your story(ies) & what you thought about it (them).
- Along the outside edge, everyone writes a reason you liked/didn't like this story.

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Step 3: FIGURATIVE it out

- Working as a group and using your notes and book…
- Identify what literary device is being used in the quote on the poster.
- Explain WHY it is what you think it is.
- How does this device add to the story? What is its effect on the reader?

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Step 4: QUOTE it out

- A: Write key quotes on the poster for your story(ies). At least eight quotes that are important to the theme and/or action of the story.
- B: Number them in an order that helps show the progress of the story/theme
 - OR
- B: Draw arrows linking them together in a specific order.
- Include THE FIGURATIVE LANGUAGE quote in your linking of quotes
- Include THE TITLE of the story(ies) in your linking of the quotes
 - Can link the individual parts at different times

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Step 5: THEME It Out

• Using the quotes & the figurative language notes, write a sentence summarizing the author's POINT in this story. What is the theme?

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Step 6: SYMBOLIZE It Out

- Read what everyone else has put on the poster.
- Draw an image or series of images that capture the feeling and/or meaning of the story

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