Personal Narrative Checklist (Grading Criteria)

1. \_\_\_\_ Length/Format: Four to five pages in length, 12-point font, Times New Roman

**5 points**

1. \_\_\_\_ Topic fits to the prompt.  You wrote a focused narrative about a specific event in your life about a time you were affected by what you carry (physical or abstract) or an event that lead to your carrying of something (physical or abstract.) **10 points**
2. \_\_\_\_You have an introduction that sets the scene. **5 points**
3. \_\_\_\_You display at least five different elements of O’Brien’s stylistic choices in your writing (see Tim O’Brien’s writing style in The Things They Carried” handout) **15 points**
4. \_\_\_\_You must have at least one example of all four of the figurative language elements listed on the writing style handout. **15 points**
5. \_\_\_\_\_You have at least three snapshots in your narrative. **15 points**
6. \_\_\_\_\_You have at least three thoughtshots in your narrative. (One example of each kind.) **15 points**
7. \_\_\_\_\_Dialogue helps develop characters and moves to process the story. You have at least three passages that have dialogue moving back and forth between two characters.

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1. \_\_\_\_\_You have a conclusion that makes sense. The end is tied up together nicely.

**5 points**

1. **\_\_\_\_\_** Mechanical Conventions: Proper use of grammar, correct spelling. **5 points**

**Total: \_\_\_\_\_/ 100**