Tates Creek High School
Pre-IB Summer Reading Assignment
(Rising Sophomores – 10th)

The Namesake
By Jhumpa Lahiri
http://anyflip.com/yltx/yglt/basic/ (excerpt pgs. 1-50 only)

The Things They Carried
By Tim O’Brien

One-Pager Assignment Instructions
1. All work must be on only one side of the paper.
2. Your first and last name must be clearly displayed.
3. Include the title and author of your book.
4. Draw a border around your paper. This can be words, symbols, or any type of design you feel is appropriate and connected to the story.
5. Include TWO quotes from the story. These should be meaningful to you, as well as to your reader.
6. Draw TWO visual images. These can include a character or a moment from a scene. You may also choose to draw symbols that convey an overall idea about the subject matter.
7. Draw a word cluster around your main image. Use these words to highlight the importance of your chosen image. The word cluster may also artistically symbolize the subject matter.
8. Use the 5Ws & 1H method – who, what, when, where, why, how – to highlight the most important points. (This will NOT go on the page) Then write a SHORT synopsis of the story, making sure to describe the main conflict. DO NOT tell the end of the story!
9. Choose TWO songs that fit the book. Make sure to include WHY you chose these songs and how they relate to the story/character.
10. Personally connect to the book with an ‘I believe’ statement. This is your take-away... What challenged, changed, or confirmed something you believe, and how will you respond? This should NOT be about the story or characters – this is a personal response to the story.
11. Write a statement based on a major THEME from the story. What message did the author leave with you? This should be a universal theme – not just specific to the story. (Make sure your theme is a statement not just one word. EX. “The importance of family”)
12. Be colorful and neat. Your entire page should be filled with these elements. NO space should be left completely blank, and NOTHING should be left only in pencil.
13. Make sure you plan out your page BEFORE you begin to make sure you have room for everything.

THIS PROJECT IS DUE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!
(Hint: search Google for “one-pager examples” for inspiration.)