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Chapter:4 On the Rainy River

**The Things They Carried** Reading Guide

1. What job does the author hold before heading off to Vietnam? How does he describe the responsibilities or tasks associated with that position? How does he feel about the job/ work?
2. What makes the author feel that he is not destined for the war? That his draft notice is some cruel twist of fate?
3. Where does Tim O’Brien “run” to? How does the idea of shame influence his decision and how is the idea of shame important to the chapter as a whole?