

English Review

Realism became inadequate, didn't penetrate the surface, Zola said that writers must approach writing as scientists do science
Naturalism – scientific view of life, style, originated in Europe. Most had a moral ending, such as good over evil

Edwin Arlington Robinson – Grew up in **Maine**, attended **Harvard**, had to drop out, went to **NYC (Town down the River)**
Lived in Greenwich Village, paid for the printing of *The Torrent and the Night Before* and *Children of the Night*
T. Roosevelt discovered **Robinson** working in an **uncompleted subway**, gave him job at **Custom House**
Pulitzer Prize 3 times, the greatest living American poet in the 20's. Foremost figure of **New Poetry**.

Richard Cory – gentleman, rich, lived alone at the top of a hill, everyone was polite to him, killed himself cuz of loneliness
People thought he had everything, killed himself in the **summer** when everyone was out having fun, he was alone

Miniver Cheevy – strange man, lived in the past, didn't like his life, dreamed of being a **knight in King Arthur's court**
Thought the Middle Ages were exciting, Loved the **Medici**, the leading family of Italy in the 15th century

Thebes – famous city in Greece. **Priam** – king of Troy during Trojan War. Loathed **khaki suits**, like **armor**

He scorned his money, but admitted that he can't live without it, keeps saying he's born too late, and just kept drinking

Mr. Flood's Party – dude that talks to himself, old guy, all his friends/family dead, people don't know him, care about him
Set in **Tilbury Town**, Eben Flood lived at the top of a hill. Drank quite a bit, faking friends in middle of the night
He sets the jar down softly, then picks it up again, drinks again. **Auld Lang Syne** – For Old Times

Edgar Lee Masters – grew up in IL, same country as Lincoln, went to **Knox College**, then at his dad's **law office**.

Imitated **Poe, Keats, Shelley**, moved to Chicago, partner of **leading criminal lawyer**. Wrote in his spare time

Reedy, gave him *Greek Anthology*, collection of short Greek poems. **Epitaphs** – short poem that sums up one's life

Poetry – a Chicago Magazine. Revival of the works of **Sandberg**. Released *Spoon River Anthology*, best seller

George Gray – man who never dared to take chances, never got to experience life, it passed him by, and then it's too late.

Only did what was sure, be a marble chiseler, never dared to love, ambition, or follow his heart, in fear of failure

Wanted meaning in his life, but meaning can end in madness, but a meaningless life is torture. **Boat** – **symbol of life**

Lucinda Matlock – a woman to experienced life, took chances, opposite of Gray, got married, raised 12 kids, 8 died, died at 96

Went to dances at **Chandlerville**, played **Snap Out (Crack the Whip)** at **Winchester**, worked in garden/yard

Found **Davis (husband)** while driving home in June, spun, wore, kept the house, nursed the sick,

Gathered shells at Spoon River, told the young ones that it takes life to love life, so don't complain about life

Fiddler Jones – lived life to the fullest, although he wasn't well off, but didn't have any regrets when he died.

Farmer – saw the romantic side of things. Music had high priority. **Ended up with 40 acres**

Henry Ford – 8 hour work day, assembly line, \$5/day min wage for all over 21, writers got a sense of ultimate doom

Pres Wilson - Yanks are coming to make world safe for democracy. **Stein** – we're all a lost generation

Modernism – new methods, break from the past, new ideas, some combined modern techniques with old ideas.

Regionalism – interests to a specific area. Literature began to emphasize self perceptions. Women's opinions in literature

Sherwood Anderson – **grotesques** – every character of his has this, sees one truth, idea, or ambition, and be obsessed to it

Saw small communities as unhappy place filled with isolated/despairing people living hidden lives.

Jobby – nickname, for the variety of odd jobs he took. Grew up in **Clyde, OH**. Started business, then fled with failed

Dreiser/Sandburg in **Chicago** urged him to write, **Winsburg, OH** – book close to Spoon River Anthology,

Spent last years in VA, as a farmer/newspaper editor, **emphasized on mood/character**

Sophistication – small town life pointless, facts/figures isn't everything, Helen/George understood each other, that was enough

Winesburg County Fair **Turnion Pike** – road leading up to the fair **Tony Tip** – **Wesley's horse** that won in the afternoon.

George Willard – OH boy, waiting for girl outside **Dr. Reefy's** office. When one looks at life backwards, he's a man

One realizes that he/she is another leaf in the wind, needs understanding, a woman would understand.

Never been good at speech making, thought she would marry **Seth Richmond**. **Town is crowding him**

Moyer's bragging pissed him off. Ran across rubbish, nail tore his pants, decided to go see **Helen**

Helen White – Winesburg Banker's daughter. College in **Cleveland**, here for fair. One of her professors liked her

In public, she wanted him, since he's made her look good, but in private, George understood her more

Prof. wants to marry someone w/ money. George wanted to do something in life, wanted Helen to be different

Was at **Banker White's** house when George went to look for her, instructor started Bsing, Helen ran for it

Mom told instructor there's no one here for Helen, **Helen** goes into **garden**, calls for **George**, George finds her

Fair Grounds were on a hill rising over **Wine Creek Valley**, from the **Grandstand**, has view of city.

2 struggles. Unthinking animal against the thing that reflects/remembers, the sophisticated thing that bound George

Ghostly filled with live people. So many people, so loud during the day, so silent at night. Life is meaningless

Sat in the grandstand, George revered Helen, loved her, as the crowd disperses, they kiss, leave the grandstand

Kissed again at **Waterworks Hill**, then Helen tripped George for fun, rolled downhill, but at bottom, serious again

Katherine Anne Porter – Born in TX, descendant of Daniel Boone, used stream of consciousness, **only published 1 book** *Ship of Fools*. **Emphasized on Character** Wrote about common people, uncommon characters.

The Jilting of Granny Weatherall – 81 year old, hallucinates at times, dies, doesn't know it till the end, hard life, but positive
Dr. Harry – Ellen Weatherall's doctor. He wasn't there when she needed him when she had **milk leg/2x pneumonia**
Thought Cornelia talking was something swishing newspapers or leaves outside. Had a lot of plans for tomorrow
Made farewell trips in her 60's, made her will, prepared to die. Got a long fever, but got over it, **Father lived to 102**
Forgets Cornelia is right next to her, asked for some hot toddy. Lying in bed stops circulation.
Cornelia thought she was deaf, dumb, blind. Whispered behind her back. **Kids – Jimmy, Lydia, Cornelia, Hapsy**
Wished for old times, **John** – old husband, wanted younger women, Granny wanted to show him that she wasn't ruined
worked a lot in her earlier days, hallucinated about her living in the old days. Worked so hard she forgot her objective
Lighting the lamps was a beautiful thing. The kids weren't scared in the light. Picked all the fruit, wasted nothing
Husband, **George**, stood her up at her wedding, Told Cornelia that her kids are coming, thought she was having a party
Doctor comes back, **tried to give her some hypodermic**, responds with something about **sugar ants in her bed**
Asked **Cornelia** to get **George**, tell him that she's fine w/o him. **Father Connolly of Holy Communion** shows up
Father Connolly has habit of dropping in, **always had story about an Irishman**. Tells **Corn.** to get him a chair
Goes on another rampage of thoughts, goes pretty much crazy, then dies, 2nd time, no bridegroom, priest in the house...
Hapsy is favorite daughter, she keeps calling for her. **John** is her former **husband**, **George** is the one that stood her up

F Scott Fitzgerald – **Emphasis on Imagery**, of Flaming Youth, Flappers, and the Jazz Age. **Born in St. Paul**

Went to **Princeton**, didn't make football team, Fought in WWI, married **Zelda Sayre**, **The voice of the 20's**

Zelda went crazy, Francis tried to write more to pay the bills, no one wanted to read in Depression, **heart attack at 40**

Winter Dreams –

Dexter Green – caddy at Sherry Island Golf Club. Dad owned 2nd best grocery store in **Black Bear**, 1st was **The Hub**
Quit because he was too old, and cuz Judy called him a boy. **Mr KcKenna** – caddy master.

Borrowed \$1000, bought a partnership in a laundry, made it big, sold it, went to NYC.

Told Judy he was making more than anyone in his age. Career is largely a matter of futures

Lived at one of the two clubs he joined, 18 months after Judy, **married Irene Scheerer, Sept, 25 years old**

Went to a dance, cut in on Judy only once, wasn't jealous. "Hardened against jealousy long before"

After married Irene, others stopped asking about Judy. Supposed to sit at **University Club** for 1 hour w/ her

Irene got headache, went to club alone, met **Judy**. Went for a drive, asked Dexter to marry her, refused

Went into Judy's house, really hurt Irene, Judy/Irene call off engagement, goes East to NYC, but joined army

When he heard Judy. "...that thing is gone. I cannot cry, I cannot care, that thing will come back no more

Mr. Mortimer Jones – Dexter the best caddy he ever had, asked him not to quit.

Mr. Hart – gives Dexter invitation to SI Golf Club, played with **Hart, Sandwood, Hedrick**.

Judy Jones – slammed golf club in ground, hit the nurse w/ a golf club. Hit **Hedrick** in the stomach w/ golf ball

Went on playing golf after hitting him. Hit **Dexter** w/ a motorboat while he was on a raft, asks him to drive

Goes for a ride on a surfboard, then asks him to dinner tomorrow. All the other men were prep school guys

Martha – Butler. Dexter born in **Keeble, MN**. Judy worried that her boyfriend that afternoon was poor

Told Dexter that she didn't kiss the other man, and he was glad that she took the trouble to lie to him

Her words held no value, always got what she wanted. **Started Crying in Dexter's car when she came back**

Later married **Lud Simms**, who drinks, doesn't appreciate her. Lud friend of **Delvin from Detroit**

William Faulkner – Born in MI, didn't have much schooling, wrote books, phased out by 45, Nobel Prize in 49

1st to Used Stream of consciousness, violent imagery at times, **old South Dean of American Lit during the 20's**

Canadian Air Force during WWI. **Wrote about Old Glory**

A Rose for Emily – Father dies, kills **Homer**. Symbolism, flashback, town inseparable from Emily, house description - eyesore

Emily Grierson – Woman who died, entire town went to funeral, men for respect, women to see her house

Buried at the cemetery where Union/Confederate soldiers of **battle of Jefferson**.

Refused to pay taxes, **Board of Aldermen** decided to pay her a visit. **She has no taxes in Jefferson**.

Sweetheart left her shortly ago. Her place smelled bad. People complained to **Judge Stevens**, 80 years old

4 men broke her cellar door and put lime there, the smell went away.

Before her father died, they were higher than everyone else. Now, they can pity her, for she's human

When father died, she didn't want to admit it, didn't dispose of body for 3 days, then broke down

Wanted to buy **Arsenic for Rat Poison**. Needed a reason, but she just stared her way into getting it

People thought she was killing herself, Asked minister to talk to her, **got some family from AL**

Went to buy a toilet set, men's outfit, nightshirt. Town thought they were getting married

Never saw Homer again, Emily reserved again, gave lessons in China painting. Refused postal delivery

Died, funeral, broke into the room above the stairs, **found Homer's body**, pillow next to him, **iron gray hair**

Colonel Sartoris – mayor, no Negro should be out w/o apron, remitted her taxes, father made contribution to town

Homer Barron – contractor that did the sidewalks. Seems to like Emily. People wondered if she could really like him

Ernest Hemingway – most imitated American Writer of the 20's, false front, **unsuccessful singer?** Dressed up like a girl
 Life is a battlefield, everyone eventually wounded. **Hemingway Hero** – a man who plays the game well even in loss
 Worked for **Toronto Star**, small, **simple words/sentences**. **Food/drink imagery**. Embrace life, physically.
Themes: Violence, nature, arbitrariness of life, death, war, love. Had a bad eye in boxing, can't fight. Killed Himself
 Married an alcoholic, older woman, killed himself, same as his father, **with a gun in his mouth**
In Another Country – Narrator injured during war, meets others injured more badly, develops relationship with the Major
 City of **Milan**, at the hospital every afternoon. Could take canals or bridges. **Narrator used to play Football**
 Got medals because he was an American. The 3 with medals are hawks, he wasn't a hack cuz he didn't earn it
Major – was a all time fencer, greatest in Italy. Had a tiny hand. **A basso gli ufficiali!** - Down with Officers
 Spent a lot of time correcting narrator's grammar. Started teaching him grammar. Called **Signor Maggiore**
 A man must not marry so he can't lose his wife, his wife just died of pneumonia. Kept looking out the window
 Boy wore a **black silk handkerchiefs** cuz his face was rebuilt, nose isn't right. No medals, not long enough time
Tall Boy – was an **Arditi**, shock troops/commandos, Hemingway served with them. **3 medals**
 Most patriotic people in Italy are café girls.

John Steinbeck – Viewed characters on an animal level, characters retain a measure of dignity. **Okies** – “Grapes”, most in CA
The Chrysanthemums - Salinas Valley, Eliza/Henry Allen. December.

Elisa worked in the house and in her garden, seemed to compete with her husband, husband didn't care about her garden
 Had done a lot of work, hands were worn, almost like a man. Had a lot of NRG. Grew Chrysanthemums.
 Sees a beaten down wagon with a mongrel dog underneath, between the hind wheels. Fixed sign, crooked letters
 Sees a big, stubble bearded man, beaten down, asked for something to fix, got nothing. Asked for directions 1st
 Asks about flowers, gets her attention. Says it's a good nasty smell. Says someone up the road wants seeds
 Puts some in a pot to give to the lady, gives him directions. **Feel the buds with planting hands**
 Gives him the pot, asks him to fix 2 Al Saucepans. Paid him 50 cents. Goes into the house to get ready to go
 On the road to Salinas, sees the flower pot on the road, realizes how big a nitwit Henry is, and that she's stuck
Henry – just sold 30 3 year old steers to the **Western Meat Co.** Wants to go for dinner at the **Cominos Hotel**, then movie
Scotty – his horse Called Elisa “You look so nice”, and she got mad. **She Envied pan-fixer's freedom**

Jesse Stuart – More of a poet than a novelist. Lincoln Memorial University. Humor/sympathy which he depicts mountain people
Another April – Grandpa goes out in the spring, all wrapped up, sees the trees, plays with butterflies, a turtle, in the last few years
Grandpa – goes out the in spring for his yearly walk, each year a little shorter. Going to see his old friend.
 Used to be a powerful man, chopped wood during the winter, did a lot of work. **Tears apart a pine cone**
 Felt each pine needle, 91 years old, talks to the hogs, waved his cane at a butterfly, let the wind blow his whiskers
 Took the petals off a white blossom, played with a bumblebee, tried to tear a butterfly cocoon, but couldn't
 Goes to the back side of the house, finds the Terrapin under the smokehouse floor. Terrapin his old friend
 Lets him stroke his head, knows the turtle, got an 1847 in his shell, at least 95 years old.
 The terrapins eats tomatoes. Mick was tossing terrapins out, found this one, let it eat, cuz of the 1847.
Mom – wraps Grandpa up in heavy cloths, Cries at the end watching Grandpa say goodbye to the Terrapin
Kid – watches Grandpa from the window, then goes to the dining room to follow his path. **Connection to Whitman**

Eudora Welty – Short stories, southern writer, photographer. Wrote about adolescence and loneliness.
 from MI, same as Faulker. Went to University of WI, Columbia University.

A Worn Path – **December, Negro Phoenix Jackson** out to get medicine for her son, and to get a paper windmill
 Cane made by umbrella. Small, frail, striped dress, black hair. Heard animals, told them to get out of her way
Obstacles – **Thicket** – animal sounds. **Hill** – had to mount it. **Bush** – caught her dress. **Log** - across a creek
tree in a cloud of mistletoe - imagined boy bringing her marble cake **barbed wire** – had to crawl
Buzzard – talked to it **Scarecrow** – thought it was a man, then ghost, then scarecrow, **danced with it**
Path – followed it. **Spring** – drank from it **Dog** – hit it with a cane, fell into the ditch
Young Man –helped Phoenix outta the ditch. **Thought she was going to see Santa Claus.** Dog got in a fight
Found his nickel, put it in her apron pocket. Red/green lights in the city, Christmas time. Trust feet, not sight
 Asked a lady with an arm full of presents to **tie her shoe**. Can't lace them with a cane. Went into a building
 Attendant thought she was deaf, and that it was a charity case. Nurse told him it's for her sone
 Lives in **Old Natchez Trace**. Nurse asked her if her son was better, she just stood there like an idiot
 She forgot why she came. Never had education, too old at the **Surrender of Lee**. Kid waiting all by himself
 Gave her the medicine as charity. Attendant gives her nickel, she came to buy a **paper windmill**
Log = courage **Thorn Bush** – patience **Barb Wire** – Determination **Scarecrow** – superstitious
Shoelace – Pride **Pennies/Nickel?** - Cleverness

Bernard Malamud – **Brooklyn, NY**, father a grocer. Wrote about Jewish Culture. Lived in NYC
The 1st 7 years – A shoemaker, his helper likes his daughter, but he's got big plans for her, eventually gives in. **In February**

Feld – Materialistic, like Max. Wanted son instead of daughter. Gave Max his telephone so he could call Miriam. Took Max into hall and suggested that he meet Miriam, asks for picture, he gives, she's sensible. **Shoes \$1.50** Usually charges \$25. Had a heart condition, couldn't exert himself. Problem when Sobel ran out Wondered why he would stay working for such a low wage. **His answer was that he's afraid of the world** Told Sobel not to give Miriam books cuz her eyes were strained/red, and he walked out on him, but came back Went to Sobel's room, he wasn't there, went home, hired a new helper. New guy isn't as familiar as Sobel After Max got his shoes, he learned his helper was stealing from him, and got another heart attack. \ Went to talk to Sobel, asked when he's coming back, he said never. Didn't want wages, wanted Miriam. Called him an "man so old and ugly". Then calms down, tells her wait till she's 21, then marry her.

Sobel – fanatic worker, gets mad all of a sudden, starts pounding the bench, then runs out. Had a short fuse. **Polish** After Feld's heart attack, he came begging for work, learned quickly, and saved Feld's business Interested only in books, lend them to Miriam. **Survived the holocaust**

Miriam – big contrast to Max, uninterested for higher education, 19 years old. Went out with Max on Friday 1st date went all right, another one for Saturday. Asked about Sobel, told that he got a new job, was disturbed on the 2nd date, she said she was bored. **"He's nothing more than a materialist"**. Has no soul, only things Max then took a different route to school, never saw Miriam again, Feld was hurt. Miriam liked Sobel

Max – made great strides, including walk in the snow, to get an education. Admired by **Feld**, wanted him for **Miriam** Went to fix his shoes, ended up meeting Miriam. **Studied to be a Certified Public Accountant (CPA)**

Flannery O'Connor – from **Georgia, State University of Iowa**. Studied under **Paul Engle**. Humor, sudden acts of violence **Died at age 39 of Lupus**, odd characters. South, theme of sin of salvation

The Life You Save May Be Your Own – Old dude comes up, borrows her car, takes her daughter, dumps her in a restaurant

Mr. Shiftlet – came up, formed cross with body in the sunset, talked to woman, **"The world is ALMOST rotten"** Offered her some gum, says about a doctor in Atlanta cutting out a human heart and not knowing anything From **Tarwater, TN. Carpenter, carries tools his a tin box.** 28 years old, varied life, foreman, radio guy Said he can't find an innocent woman. Liked to live in the country where he can enjoy life. Slept in the car Lucynell watch him fix up the place. Even wanted to make the car run. 1 man for a bolt, bad cars. The problem with the world is that no one cared, or stopped and took any trouble The Old woman asked him to teach Lucynell to say **Sugar Pie**. She told him Lucynell was **16**, really 30 Went to town, got some parts, made the car run. Doesn't want to marry Lucynell cuz he got no money Married Lucynell in **Ordinary's** office, **"It's the Law that don't satisfy me"**. Not too happy about marrying Went back to the house, got lunch, and left for a weekend trip. Wanted to make **Mobile** by nightfall Lucynell ate lunch when they left, picking cherries off the hat and throwing them out the window Went to **"The Hot Spot"** to stop for food, after 100 miles, she fell asleep, paid for the food, deserted her Actually tries to justify his actions by thinking he's a morale man. **Picks up a hitchhiker for redemption** Said to the kid his mother was an Angel of God, boy says he'll go to the devil, **had a tantrum, jumped out** A turnip shaped cloud covered the sun, a worse looking one behind the car, started pouring.

Lucynell Crator – mother/daughter both Lucynell. Wanted to know where Shiftlet was from. Daughter shook her finger at Shiftlet when he lit the match. Really cared for her daughter, but knew her death **Offered Shiftlet the house if he would marry Lucynell.** Offers \$15, then \$17.50 for a weekend trip

John Updike – from PA, Harvard, England, poems, best known as a novelist.

Deals with basic issues of life- faith/disbelief, uprooting/uncertainty of human relationships.

The Lucid Eye in Silver Town – Boy, father thinks he's as good as his uncle, but he despises his uncle, father a follower **Visiting NYC**, wanted to get a book on **Dutch Vermeer**. Mom motivated him to art. Dad called Uncle/Jay **"Go Getters"**

Uncle Quin – Didn't show up at PA Station, met Father/Jay in the hotel. 20th floor. Talking to **Lucas and Roebuck** Called NYC **Gotham.** **Broadway – The Great White Way** Went to **Pickernut Club** Piano was playing **"It's a small hotel"**, which was Quin's song. **Quin supports Degas over Vermeer** **Tesse** – Quin's wife. He's from Chicago.

Father (Marty) – agreed with everyone. At the outset, realized Quin wanted to discuss business alone Traveled the world before Jay was born, answered a lot of his questions. **Asked for scotch and water.** **Liked to call Jay "The Kid" when he's mad.** Told Jerome the waiter that he wasn't from the big city

Jay – Shook hands with the other 2 businessmen on meeting. Awed at the expensive leather, lotion, silk underwear. Leaned out the window, saw illegal traffic, recognized a lot of buildings. **Only stupid people pursued money** **Asked for Ginger Ale.** Surprised that the Pickernut Club had only 2 flavors of ice cream. Something fell into his eye while looking at the **Empire State Building.** Went back to hotel, trying to hide it Quin asks for a doctor, Father tried to help him, but he refused, cuz it was too painful. Ended up to be an **Eyelash** Quin offered dinner, but Father had a church council to get to. **Had to pay the doc \$5, no money for the book** Jay got mad that he didn't bring more, Father just agrees. **Quin's rich like stamp collector collects stamps** Goes on another tantrum about him not bring enough and the book costing more than \$5, but ends on the train

Jerome – waiter at Pickernut Club

Freddie – piano player at Pickernut Club

Mother – suddenly said “I Hate Augusts on the train platform”

Alice Walker – Southern writer, wrote about women’s/black rights, motivated by the civil rights movement. Black equality is not meaningful until black women are free and equal. Born to sharecroppers in GA, worked for Head Start

Everyday Use – Mother, 2 kids, one stuck up, one feeling sorry, needed Mom to be the judge.

Mama – dreams she on a TV show with Dee and **Johnny Carson**. Big boned woman, almost like a man, did much work
Never had an education. After school closed after 2nd grade, never went back. Can’t sing, can’t carry tune
Current house was 3 rooms, the one that was burned was too NO real windows, just holes, really broken down
Dee wanted to come no matter where they lived, but would never bring her friends. **Aunt Dee – Big Dee**

Dee Johnson– ambitious, stuck up, no one ever says no to her. Standing under the gum tree while house burned
Hated the house, would hate this house too. Everyone raised money to send her to **Augusta**.

She used to mess with their head, make them feel inferior. Always wanted nice things.

First, a stocky man gets out, future husband?. Then, Dee, looking grand and tall, expensive jewelry.

Takes a bunch of pictures, then starts talking.

Wangero – Dee’s new name – didn’t want to be named after the people that oppressed her.

Asalamalakim – Future Husband’s name. Too long, so they called him “**Hakim a barber**”

Named after beef-cattle people down the road, no time to shake hands, so said **Asalamalakim** – Peact be w/ you

Hakim a Barber didn’t eat pork/collards. Pork was unclean. Wangero eats everything.

Fascinated by the rump prints of the benches. Wanted/took the **churn/dasher**.

Wanted the two quilts by **Grandma Dee and Aunt Dee – Lone Star Pattern and Step Around the Mountain**

Mama didn’t want to give it to her because she promised to give to Maggie at her wedding\

Maggie offered to give them up, but Mama stands up for her anyways. Dee gets mad

1st time someone told her no. She says Maggie can’t appreciate them, and she’ll ruin them

Storms out, tells Maggie to make something of herself. Puts on some sunglasses, leaves

Maggie Johnson–burned up in fire, Wore a pink dress to greet Dee. Sometimes reads to Mama. Will marry **J. Thomas**

When Dee arrives, tries to run for the house, but Mama stops her. Kept mumbling “**Uhhnnh**”

Her head is like an elephants – **Wangero**. In the end, gets dip of snuff, sits there till sundown

Tim O’Brien – Primarily novels: **Theme: Vietnam war, controversial war. From MN.** Drafted, fought in Vietnam

Purple heart for wound at **My Lai**. Really has no children, Field Trip is a fiction story

Field Trip – takes daughter **Kathleen** for her 10th birthday to **Vietnam**, to a field where soldier **Kiowa** dies. Finishes the job
20 years after Vietnam, The field has really changed, no sign of war. Farmers were farming again, but pond still there
Went with Interpreter, who was keeping Kathleen busy. Kathleen a stuck up little girl. 2 hours **from Quang Ngai City**
Took a few pics, Kathleen thought the place smelled rotten. War meant nothing to her. Asked why they were fighting
Couldn’t find a good answer, so dismissed the question. Called him weird. The field was normal.

Recognized the hill where **Jimmy Cross** set up the command post, and found the place where Kiowa went down

Went into the muddy water to about the location he went down, put the hunting hatchet in the mud, and it went down

Finally finished the job, farmer seemed mad, but didn’t matter, he already moved on too much to care. Didn’t tell Wife