

Book Discussion Best Practices Workshop

Readings for the workshop are:

“The Things They Carried” by Tim O’Brien
Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Address
“A Rose for Emily” by William Faulkner

Preparation:

- Read all three selections twice, taking notes—especially on things you do not understand—and writing down questions you have about the reading. Bring your notes and questions to the workshop.
- The workshop will begin with a discussion of “The Things They Carried” led by Gary Schoepfel.
- Next, we will learn how to write questions using “A Rose for Emily.” As you prepare, please underline the places in the text where you have made a note or asked a question. We will learn how to transform your notes into good interpretive questions for discussion.
- Veterans, those familiar with this type of discussion who have taken the workshop and/or have experience leading, need to prepare to lead a short discussion of *Lincoln’s Second Inaugural Address*. New folks need to prepare to discuss this selection.
- **Advance preparation is very important!** We will not have time in the workshop to read the selections.
- It is strongly recommended that everyone read the Great Books Foundation’s *Shared Inquiry Handbook*. Pay close attention to question types.