English 11 – “The Things They Carried” structural analysis paragraph Name:

Due: Monday, November 14 at 2:30 PM on turnitin.com

Write a paragraph in which you analyze the rhetorical choices that Tim O’Brien employs in his short story, “The Things They Carried.”

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| rhetorical strategy (what does he DO when he is writing the story – not what he says) with corresponding example (quotation, with page #) from the book | effect (how does this make you feel? what does it make you realize? see? understand?) | purpose (why did he do this? what is the big idea that he is trying to connect to through doing this?)  |
| strategy | example |  |  |
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Format for your paragraph:

**opening sentence:** Introduce the story, author, and general topic of the story

**sentences 2-4:** Introduce one rhetorical strategy that O’Brien uses in this chapter. Discuss the effect and purpose of this strategy. Carefully include your quotation somewhere in this analysis.

**sentences 5-7:** Introduce a second rhetorical strategy that he uses in this chapter. Discuss the effect and purpose of this strategy. Carefully include your quotation somewhere in this analysis.

**closing sentence:** Conclude with a sentence that reflects on the general power of these strategies. Do not summarize the paragraph here.