Station 1: *The Things They Carried*

**By Tim O’Brien (pgs. 148-149)**

1. Provide a brief summary of the events in this reading:

2. What point of view is this story told from?

3. *“The shells made deep slushy craters, opening up all those years of waste, centuries worth, and the smell came bubbling out of the earth…”* What literary device is the author using?

a) personification

b) metaphor

c) vivid imagery

d) simile

3a. What type of place do you think is being described in the text?

4. The author describes how soldiers not only had to fight a physical enemy (enemy soldiers/mortar fire), but a psychological enemy as well. What do you think this means?