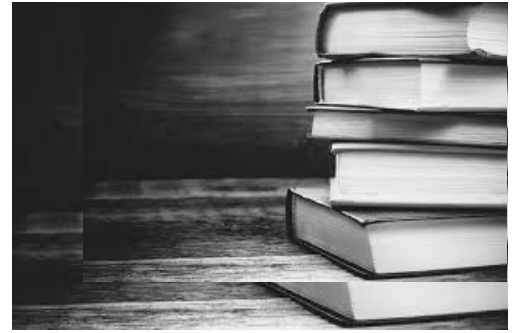


9th Grade Summer Reading

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body. —Joseph Addison



Incoming 9th Graders should read the following book and complete the summer reading assignment. This will prepare them for class activities at the beginning of the school year.

Mythology by Edith Hamilton

Read and Annotate: Annotating is a tool of active reading which helps you understand and ask questions of a text. Underline key information, write notes about thoughts that occur to you in the margins, ask questions, and seek out answers. Use a pencil to have a conversation with the novel as you write.

Complete the following assignments: In ninth grade, you will study the ancient world in both history and literature. This will include the ancient peoples of Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, and Rome. Edith Hamilton's *Mythology* examines and presents a number of the myths coming from these peoples. Read those myths and complete the following assignments:

1. Select one of the myths from Parts 1-3. Retell the myth in your own words in about 1 typed page.
2. Answer the following questions about Part 4:
 - a. What was the cause of the Trojan War?
 - b. Name someone who was destined to die in battle.
 - c. What saved Paris when he faced Menelaus in battle?
 - d. What saved Aeneas when he faced Diomedes in battle?
 - e. Why does Patroclus put on Achilles' armor? What happens to Patroclus because of this?
 - f. Who killed Hector? Why? Who finally got Hector's body for burial?
 - g. In her attempt to make Achilles invulnerable, what had his mother, Thetis, done when he was born?
 - h. Who got Achilles arms (armor)? What did that decision mean?
 - i. What famous trick was devised to get the Greeks into Troy?

Additional Summer Reading Suggestions (Not Required):

- *Tales of Greek Heroes* by Roger Lancelyn Green
- *Till We Have Faces* by C.S. Lewis
- The rest of *The Space Trilogy* by C.S. Lewis
- *The Diary of Anne Frank*
- *The Count of Monte Cristo* (unabridged) by Alexander Dumas
- *Gone with the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell