

Summer Reading Assignment

Dear 2017-2018 Ninth Grade Pre-AP Honor Students:

Congratulations on your acceptance of the challenges of the Pre-AP Honors Program at Gordon Central High School!! I look forward to meeting each of you and building a relationship that will continue all four years of your high school career! The adventure begins now as we begin our first assignment. This assignment will help prepare you for several courses during your high school career as you learn about mythology and the allusions based on some of the first tales of the world.

Required: Read the following five myths and complete analysis chart of each (Attached).

Achilles and the Trojan War

Pandora's Box

Perseus and Medusa

Pyramus and Thisbe

Adonis and Aphrodite

Complete attached chart using Edith Hamilton's *Mythology*—available at all public libraries, Amazon, Nook/Kindles, or other reputable sources.

Required: Choose one of the following memoirs (after discussion with your parent/guardian and reading an online synopsis):

A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier, Ishmael Beah

I know Why the Caged Bird Sings, Maya Angelou

The Diary of a Part-Time Indian, Sherman Alexi (mature content)

Ecology of a Cracker Childhood, Janisse Ray

Warriors Don't Cry, Melba Pattillo Beals (abridged)

I am Malala, Malala Yousafzai

Education of Little Tree, Forrest Carter

Hidden Girl, Shyima Hall

The Bite of the Mango, Mariatu Kamara with Susan McClelland (mature content)

These books are available through any bookstore, the local library, and on Nooks/Kindles. If you experience any problems obtaining one of the books, please inform me as soon as possible.

After reading the myths and your choice memoir, you will need to complete an AP Major Works Data Sheet. This is something you will be using throughout your tenure as an honors student at Gordon Central, so make it thorough, neat, and legible. This sheet must be handwritten.

The data sheet and chart are due HANDWRITTEN on the first day of school, regardless of whether you are in my class first or second semester! I am in room 320 of the 9th grade hall!

The first few days of school will be focused on your summer reading. Please be prepared to participate in discussions and complete assessments over your reading!

Throughout the semester we will be reading several other works. These will include:

Fahrenheit 451, Ray Bradbury

The Odyssey, Homer

Romeo and Juliet, Shakespeare

If you encounter any issues during the summer, do not hesitate to contact me. I may be reached by phone (call or text) at 706-979-4795 or email at ssullivan@gcbe.org. When contacting me, please leave a name, phone number/email address where you can be contacted. The data sheet will be posted on the GCHS website. GCHS honors level teachers will be at the school media center for two Summer Reading Workshops during the summer. The dates for these are June 27 and July 18, 4-6 pm. Bring your books, assignments, and classmates to get guidance and assistance with your summer reading!

Enjoy your summer!! I look forward to working with each of you next year!

Sherry Sullivan

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AP English: Literature and Composition

Name:

Major Works Data Sheet: Do not cut/paste from a website, as that is a form of plagiarism.

Title:	Biographical information about the author:
Author:	
Date of Publication:	
Genre:	
Historical information about the period of publication or setting of the novel:	
	Characteristics of the genre:
Plot Summary: Do not cut/paste from a website, which is a form of plagiarism.	

Major Works Data Sheet

<i>Memorable Quotes</i> at least 4 - more is better	
Quotation	Significance

Major Works Data Sheet

Characters			
Name	Role in the story	Significance	Adjectives

Major Works Data Sheet

Setting	Significance of the opening scene
Symbols or Motifs (at least three, explained)	Significance of the ending / closing scene
Possible Themes - Topics of Discussion (elaborate) minimum of 3	

Directions: Be familiar with each of the allusions/myths listed below. Create a graphic, write sentences, and/or take notes that would help you remember these myths. Each of these do not need to be lengthy, 3-5 points each, and it is not necessary to write in complete sentences, but must be handwritten. Include the "lesson" learned/modern connection from each.

1.	Achilles and the Trojan War	
2.	Pandora's Box	
3.	Perseus and Medusa	
4.	Pyramus and Thisbe	
5.	Adonis and Aphrodite	