

Central Magnet School: Summer Reading Assignment 2017

Honors and Advanced Honors English I

Summer reading will be evaluated during the first few weeks of school and will count on your first quarter grade. As you read, be sure to take notes on important characters, events, places, objects, and symbols. **The evaluation of your reading will require you to be able to discuss specifics from the novel, so you must have a strong knowledge of the novel and thorough notes to study by the beginning of school.**

Honors and Advanced Honors English I students must read

The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman by Ernest Gaines

In addition, **Advanced Honors English I** students must also read Chapters 1 and 2 of

Mythology by Edith Hamilton

We will read through most of this book during the first semester, but for summer reading, you are required to read Chapters 1 and 2 and complete the assignment below. Again, this part is only for Adv. Honors students.

Greek Mythology Terms

Be familiar with each of the following terms. We will have a quiz over these terms during the first two weeks of school.

Chapter 1 (I.i)

Mt. Olympus
nectar and ambrosia
Oracle at Delphi

Lesser Gods of Olympus

Graces
Muses

Gorgons

Graiae
Sirens
Fates

Twelve Great Olympians

Zeus (Jupiter)
Poseidon (Neptune)
Hades (Pluto)
Hestia (Vesta)
Hera (Juno)
Ares (Mars)
Athena (Minerva)
Phoebus Apollo
Aphrodite (Venus)
Hermes (Mercury)
Artemis (Diana)
Hephaestus (Vulcan)

The Underworld

Erebus
Tartarus
Charon
Cerberus
Elysian Fields
Styx
Erinyes (Furies)

Chapter 2 (I.ii)

Demeter (Ceres)

Persephone
Eleusis
Metaneira
Demophoön
pomegranate seed

Lesser Gods of Earth

Pan
satyrs
Aeolus
centaurs

Dionysus (Bacchus)

Zeus and Semele
Thebes
Pentheus
Teiresias
Maenads (Bacchantes)

Mythology Questions: Chapter 1: The Gods

Answer the following in **your own words**, in **complete sentences**, on **your own paper**, and **restate the question in your answer**. For example, in answer to question 1, your response could begin: "Olympus is described as . . ." Be specific and thorough in your answers, using Hamilton as your source. Don't rely on your previous knowledge of the myths. Your responses may be typed or neatly handwritten.

1. Describe Olympus.
2. Distinguish the Titans from the Olympians.
3. Create a list of the twelve Olympians, placing the Roman name to the right of its Greek counterpart, then write the **basic** function of each in four words or fewer. For example: Dionysus (Bacchus): god of wine.
4. Who were Eros, Hebe, and Iris?
5. Compare AND contrast the Muses and the Graces.
6. Describe the Underworld, remembering to note Cerberus, Styx, Charon, and the Elysian Fields.
7. Identify the Erinyes. What were their duties?
8. Who were the Sirens and the Fates? What powers did they have?

Mythology Questions: Chapter 2: The Two Great Gods of Earth

Answer the following in **your own words**, in **complete sentences**, on **your own paper**, and **restate the question in your answer**. Be specific and thorough in your answers, using Hamilton as your source. Don't rely on your own knowledge of the myths. Your responses may be typed or neatly handwritten.

1. *Briefly* tell the story of Demeter and Persephone. (4-5 sentences)
2. In what ways do the powers and ideas associated with Dionysus contradict each other?
3. Briefly describe Dionysus' central position in the Greeks' belief of human immortality.