



Middle School  
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Dear 6th graders,

Welcome to Middle School Language Arts! Your summer assignment is designed to prepare you for our Quarter 1 book in September. It is important to familiarize yourself with Greek mythology, and, in particular, the myth of Perseus. The assignment must be completed by the first week of school.

**1. Listen to season 1 of the podcast [Live From Mount Olympus](#).**

*This podcast is an audio drama about the Greek myth of Perseus, and it is told in 10 episodes! It is like going to the theater but listening to it while you imagine the characters and settings in your mind. We hope you will enjoy it as much as we did! The podcast is a production of the Onassis Foundation, acted and directed by Tony Award-winners, and produced by a Peabody Award-winning showrunner! So, enjoy!!!*



*We highly recommend that you take notes while you listen to the podcast, to help you remember the characters and main events for when we meet in September. You may use either of the linked templates ([Podcast Timeline Template](#) and [Podcast Note-Taking Template](#)) to help you organize your notes.*

- 2. Create a [digital or paper collage](#)** to explore the themes and celebrate the gods, mortals, and heroes of Perseus. How do you imagine the heroes, Olympians, nymphs, and monsters that you've heard on *Live from Mount Olympus*, based on their voices and how they act in the story?
- 3. Explain your digital or paper collage in writing.** Think of the collage as a vision board for how you "see" the characters appear and act. Write a paragraph or two explaining your vision board. You are welcome to write on a sheet of paper or a google document.
- 4. Be prepared to present your vision board and paragraphs** to your Language Arts class the first week of school.
- 5. Read the myth [Perseus](#)** linked here. As you read, note the similarities and differences between the podcast and the text. Please write your notes on a sheet of paper or a google document.

Have a wonderful summer and see you in September!

**6th Grade Language Arts Team**