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Dear Student:

Summer is a wonderful time to read for pleasure. Additionally, it will keep your vocabulary, language usage, and understanding/analytical skills honed for the next school year. Take advantage of this relaxing time of year to get acquainted with more good books. To prepare yourself for the 9th grade Combo English and History course, please complete the following two tasks:

1. Read: **A Little History of the World By E.H.Gombrich**
 - a. Describe at least one thing you found interesting in each of the 40 Chapters.
 - b. Label each chapter clearly and then write grammatically correct sentences. Be prepared to draw from the material covered in this book throughout the 2017-2018 academic year.

2. Read: **The Odyssey written by Homer. The Fagle translation published by Penguin Classics.** If ordering from Amazon: **ISBN-13: 978-0143039952.** Be sure to read the poetry version, not prose.
 - a. Please keep a record of your reading by selecting what you believe to be the most beautiful sentence in each chapter of the epic poem. Explain what you found beautiful about the sentence, and connect it to one of the literary elements or devices listed below (if applicable).

**Both of these books will lay a foundation for the 9th grade combo curriculum; therefore it is imperative that the assignments are completed prior to the start of the school year. The first unit of study will be based on the summer work and an assessment should be expected.*

Examples: Literary Elements			Examples: Literary Devices		
Exposition	Plot	Theme	Imagery	Personification	Alliteration
Rising Action	Climax	Resolution	Metaphor	Hyperbole	Symbolism
Protagonist	Antagonist	Setting	Simile	Irony	
Moral	Mood	Tone	Foreshadowing		
			Oxymoron	Onomatopoeia	Suspense

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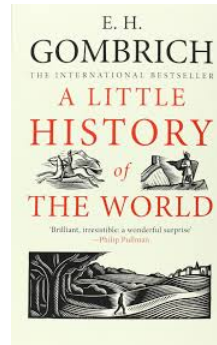
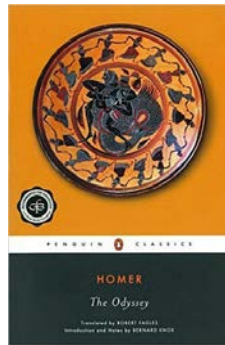
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Have a pleasant summer and see you in the fall! Happy Reading!