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Summer Reading for 9th Grade Combo English & History

Dear Future High School Student:

Summer is a wonderful time to read, as we have time to think and enjoy the literature and new ideas to which we are exposed. Additionally, reading keeps our vocabulary, language usage, and understanding/analytical skills honed for the next school year. Take advantage of this relaxing time of the year to get acquainted with the classic works of Homer and Gombrich which we will be studying in the next school year.

In preparation for the 9th grade Combo course, please complete the following two tasks:

1. Read: ***A Little History of the World* By E.H.Gombrich**
 - a. Based on the first letter of your last name, complete a timeline representing historical events for the assigned chapters of the book. (The timeline should flow like a river through time.)
 1. A-F Chapters 1-10
 2. G-L Chapters 11-20
 3. M-R Chapters 21-30
 4. S-Z Chapters 31-40
2. Read: ***The Odyssey* 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.

-Read the following Books (chapters) from *The Odyssey*: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, and 12. Then, complete one of the assignments listed below.

Option 1 Create an annotated map detailing Odysseus' journey. Focus on the areas associated with the assigned books. For this you will trace the journey and select relevant quotes so that an observer could have an understanding of all of the important events that happen along the way. Be creative and prepared to present your work.

Option 2:

Write an alternate ending for your favorite book of *The Odyssey*. The alternate ending must maintain the integrity of the relevant characters and setting, but the events can and should be changed.

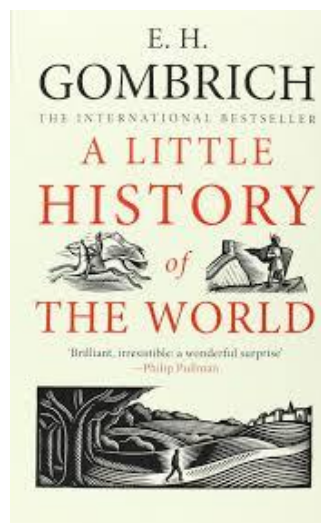
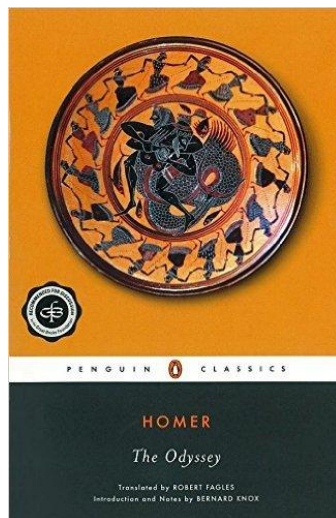


Option 3:

Create a collage or other visual representation of each challenge Odysseus faces throughout his journey and support it with quotes from the epic poem. The quotes should be directly related to your visuals.

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. **You must purchase your own copy of these books.*

Your assignment will be due as soon as classes begin in September.



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