

Dear English I Honors Student:

All stories are retellings and reimaginings of the stories that came before them. Myths are the ancient source material that writers draw from to craft new stories that explain the complexity of their cultures. A strong background in mythology enables readers to understand deeper layers of meaning within any text that they read. For this reason, your summer reading assignment will be to read Edith Hamilton's *Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes*.

Below you will find the text you will be required to read, along with its accompanying assignments required of you as you return next school year. If you can purchase the text via Amazon, Barnes and Noble, etc, that would be beneficial for annotation purposes; however, you can find this book online or in a local library. If you would rather read from your phone or another device, feel free to purchase a kindle app or ibooks copy. Since summer reading is a significant portion **(10%)** of your grade, it is imperative that you complete the reading. Please let me know if you have any questions as we head into the summer!

Read:

Edith Hamilton's *Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes*

Assignment:

- ☐ You have **ALL SUMMER** to complete the reading.
- ☐ Regardless of which semester you have English 1 Honors, you should be ready for an assessment when you return to school. The assessment will include multiple choice and short answer responses.
 - ☐ Keeping track of the gods, goddesses, and magical creatures and their relationships to one another can be complicated. I suggest using the attached graphic organizer to track your ideas.
- ☐ Upon returning to school, you will complete a **Google Form test** about the text.
 - ☐ You may **use your notes on this test**.

Join the English I Honors Summer Reading Google Class with this code: [**yrxilfx**](#)

For any questions or concerns, please contact me at [**erin.smith@spart1.org**](mailto:erin.smith@spart1.org).

Happy reading!

Ms. Smith

This graphic organizer will NOT be submitted for a grade, but you may use your notes on the day of the assessment.

What is the purpose of Greek Mythology?

What did the Greeks believe about the origins of the gods and the universe?

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Who were some of the “lesser” gods of Olympus? What is known about their parents? What were their powers?

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The Two Great Gods of Earth	Domain	Powers	Story Associated with the god
Demeter			
Dionysus			

Who were The...?	What were their powers?
Muses	
Graces	
Furies	
Fates	

Myths surrounding the following figures are important to the study of Greek Mythology. What do you know about ...				
Midas	Orpheus and Eurydice	Psyche	Echo and Narcissus	The Titans vs. The Olympians
Sisyphus	Prometheus	Tantalus	Persephone, Hades, and Demeter	Athena and Arachne
Persus and Medusa	Pandora	Icarus and Daedalus	The origin stories of the gods	Theseus and The Minotaur

The Realms of the Gods	Description	Who lives there?
Elysium		
Erytheia		
Hades		
Oceanus		
Olympus		
Tartarus		