

# English 9

Summer Reading | MRS. BEESLEY

Welcome to the other side! I am excited to meet you, and excited to embark on many adventures with you over the next year. High School is a time of increased rigor and academic expectation. You are moving from a mindset of preparing for High School to preparing for college. As you begin your journey, it's important for you to create a wealth of background knowledge that will help you interpret, analyze and master language arts over the next few years. This summer reading is designed to help you do that.

## **Part I: Read *The Odyssey* by Gareth Hinds in its entirety (A physical copy of the book is required)**

The first book you will be reading this summer is *The Odyssey* by Gareth Hinds. This is a graphic novel version of the original poem by Homer, and you should read the entire graphic novel. There are many points in the graphic novel that may be confusing to read or that you may need help with. That's okay! [Here is a link to a video](#) I created to help you read the graphic novel. You do not have to watch this video unless you find it helpful.

As you read, pay attention to the Hero, Odysseus, and observe his journey. What kinds of choices does Odysseus make? How does he suffer the consequences of his choices? How does he evolve throughout the book? Please see the next page for an outline of the Hero's Journey that you can begin to compare with Odysseus' journey. Be prepared to write about, be tested on, and discuss your reading when we return to school. *Text marking is highly recommended.*

## **Part II: Mythology Excerpts (A physical copy of the book is required)**

The second book you will read is *Mythology* by Edith Hamilton.

- Read **Part 1: The Gods, the Creation and the Earliest Heroes (pgs. 1-75)**
- Read **The Story of Odysseus (pgs. 291-319).**
- Be prepared to discuss your reading upon returning to school. You will be summatively assessed through an essay and/or written test. Text marking is *highly* recommended.

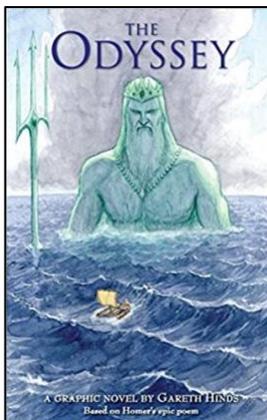
### An Important Note-

**When we return from Summer Break, we will immediately launch into a unit on these 2 books and the portions that were required to be read. We will not be re-reading or allowing time for re-reading. The class will move quickly forward with the understanding that all students have read the books. Quizzes and Writing assignments will be given in the first weeks regarding all the required reading.**

*The Odyssey* Paperback

By: Gareth Hinds

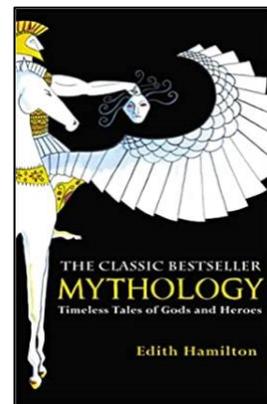
ISBN-13: 978-0763642686



*Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes*

By: Edith Hamilton

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## THE HERO'S JOURNEY:

As you read, think about how Odysseus moves through the steps of the Hero's Journey.

