

# English 9

## Summer Reading | MRS. BEESLEY

Welcome to the other side! I am excited to meet you and 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.

### The Odyssey:

This summer you will be reading *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 you may need help with. That's okay! I have linked [a video here](#) to help you read the graphic novel. Please watch the video before you start.

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.

### An Important Note-

**When we return from Summer Break, we will immediately launch into a 3-week unit on this book. 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 book. Quizzes and Writing assignments will be given in the first weeks regarding all the required reading.**

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**THE HERO'S JOURNEY:**

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

