

Freshman Summer Reading 2010

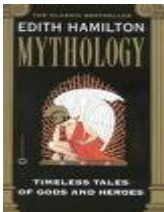
Students will be assessed during the second week of fall semester on the content of the novel that they have chosen to read, as well as on the major gods and events chronicled in Edith Hamilton's *Mythology*. Parents are encouraged to preview the book that their child chooses to read.

College Prep, Honors, and Gifted English:

1. All students are required to read pages 1-95 and pages 185-246 of Edith Hamilton's *Mythology*.
2. In addition, all students are required to read one additional novel. Please see directions below.

PART ONE: EDITH HAMILTON'S MYTHOLOGY

Mythology by Edith Hamilton (**Required for all levels**)

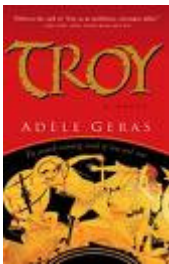


A collection of Greek, Roman, and Norse myths retold by the author.

PART TWO: NOVEL CHOICES

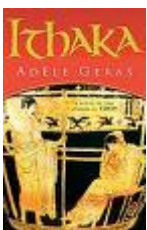
Gifted and Honors Classes: Choose one of the following four books from the Gifted and Honors list to read.

Troy by Adele Geras



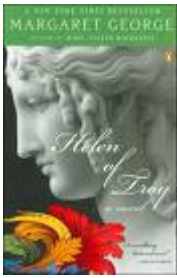
The last weeks of the Trojan War find the women sick of tending the wounded, men tired of fighting, and bored gods and goddesses trying to find ways to stir things up.

Ithaka by Adele Geras



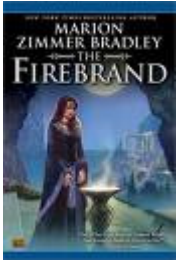
The island of Ithaka is overrun with uncouth suitors demanding that Penelope choose a new husband, as she patiently awaits the return of Odysseus from the Trojan War.

Helen of Troy by Margaret George



A novel about the legendary Helen of Troy and her epic Homeric story set in the heart of the Mycenaean culture.

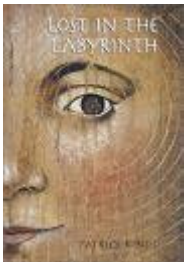
The Firebrand by Marion Zimmer Bradley



Kassandra, the beautiful Trojan priestess of Apollo, maneuvers her way through the intrigues and dangers of the fall and sack of the City of Troy.

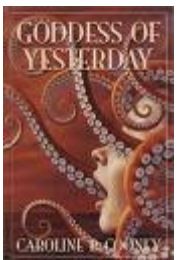
College Prep Classes: Choose one of the above books from the Gifted and Honors list or choose one of the books below.

Lost in the Labyrinth by Patrice Kindl



Fourteen-year-old Princess Xenodice tries to prevent the death of her half-brother, the Minotaur, at the hands of the Athenian prince, Theseus, who is aided by Icarus, Daedalus, and her sister Ariadne.

Goddess of Yesterday by Caroline B. Cooney



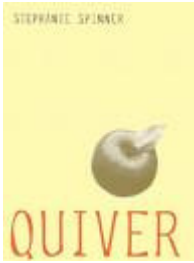
Taken from her home on an Aegean island as a six-year-old girl, Anaxandra calls on the protection of her goddess while she poses as two different princesses over the next six years, before ending up as a servant in the company of Helen and Paris as they make their way to Troy.

Adventures of Greek Heroes by Mollie McLean and Anne Wiseman



Contains the stories of some of the poems told by Greek poets at Olympia, including Hercules, Perseus, Theseus, Orpheus, Meleager, and the Argonauts.

Quiver by Stephanie Spinner



Sixteen-year-old Atalanta, abandoned as an infant, has grown into a renowned archer, and the fastest mortal in the land, so when her father issues her an ultimatum that she must marry and produce an heir, she counters with the condition the one she marries must beat her in a footrace.

Quicksilver by Stephanie Spinner



The stories of the Trojan War, Persephone and Demeter, Perseus, Odysseus, and others are recounted from the perspective of Zeus's son and messenger, Hermes.

Aphrodite's Blessing by Clemence McLaren



Atalanta, Andromeda, and Psyche, three female characters in Greek mythology, tell the stories of their marriages. Includes information on love and marriage in ancient Greece.