

Honors Humanities
Teachers: Rowan/Kravchak

Summer Reading

- *The Odyssey* by Homer
- *Gods, Heroes, and Men* by Rouse **OR** *Mythology* by Hamilton

** *These texts are available at the RBHS library or can be purchased from any book store.*

What to expect:

During the first 2 ½ weeks of school, the curriculum and class expectations will revolve around these two texts. The following should be expected:

- Several quizzes: Throughout the first few days of school, you will take quizzes on these texts to verify knowledge of plot as well as thematic details.
- An objective test: At the end of the first week, you will have an objective test on *Gods, Heroes, and Men/Mythology*. Class work and discussions will revolve around this text beginning on the first days of school.
- An essay: At the end of the 2nd week of school, an essay will be due on *The Odyssey*. Class work and assignments will also revolve around this text beginning on the first days of school.

Suggestions:

Be sure to take note of the themes present in *The Odyssey*. It is essential to carefully read each of these texts. You will need to identify aspects of the plot structure as well as the gods/goddesses of ancient Greek times. Your essay will require extensive knowledge of the journey taken by Odysseus and the various obstacles he has along the way.

Give yourself a few weeks to read these two texts. You cannot finish the texts in one or two sittings, but you will find them both engaging and entertaining. These are great books to read on a summer trip, at the beach, or while traveling. Finally, take the time to truly enjoy all that the texts have to offer. We look forward to hearing your insights in August!