

## Summer Reading

## for students entering English and History 9H

1. Please read the following books:

*The Iliad* by Homer

Homer's classic epic of the Trojan War and the struggle between Achilles and Hector that saves the Greeks and destroys the Trojans. While any version is fine, the 2010 translation by Samuel Butler of *The Iliad* is highly recommended.

From *The Bible* read the Old Testament.

Any version or edition of *The Bible* is fine.

Choose **ONE** of the following topics:

- the role of the individual in society as presented in each work
  - how each work's view about human nature is expressed and demonstrated
  - the decisions or challenges that affect mankind's growth in each work
  - social customs or institutions and their affect on the individual
2. Write a rough draft of a five paragraph, thesis-based essay containing: ➤  
an introduction with a thesis (underline your thesis statement):
    - three body paragraphs devoted to supporting your thesis with specific references from each book;
    - a conclusion that includes your thesis restated.

The assessment will be based on the overall quality of your work on each task with consideration given to the following: completion of all items, the thoroughness (thesis, support details, explication and conclusion) of the written response, and the neatness and pride exhibited in the written work. In the first week of school you will participate in a writing conference about your rough draft. You will be graded on the final edited version of your paper.

There are, of course, several versions of both *The Iliad* and *The Bible*. Please bring your copy of these books to class on the first day of school.

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Enjoy your reading!

