

English 9H Summer Reading Assignment

1. Read *The Lightning Thief* (Percy Jackson and The Olympians' Book One) by Rick Riordan (ISBN 0-7868-3865-5). You can get a copy of the book at Barnes and Noble, Borders, the library, or various online booksellers. Used copies are acceptable. Be sure to have a copy of the book with you at the start of school in August.

2. In addition to the reading, make flash cards for the following terms:

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| 1. Zeus | 7. Athena | 13. Demeter | 19. Cyclops | 25. Charon |
| 2. Poseidon | 8. Apollo | 14. Dionysus | 20. Prometheus | 26. Chiron |
| 3. Hades | 9. Aphrodite | 15. Pan | 21. Oracle | 27. The Fates |
| 4. Hestia | 10. Hermes | 16. Minotaur | 22. Medusa | 28. The Furies |
| 5. Hera | 11. Artemis | 17. Satyr | 23. Gorgons | 29. Persephone |
| 6. Ares | 12. Hephaestus | 18. Centaur | 24. Hercules | 30. Titans |

These flash cards will help you prepare for class quizzes in August. Your flash cards should contain the following information:

- Write the term on one side of the card.
- Write three important facts or details about the term/deity on the other side.

A good place to find the information is Encyclopedia Mythica at <http://www.pantheon.org>.

3. Finally, identify and explain *in your own words* TEN allusions to Greek/Roman mythology you find in the novel. The allusions CANNOT be the gods and goddesses mentioned on your flash cards.

An allusion is a literary device that makes reference to another work or part of culture that is known from history, literature, religion, science, current events, etc.

If you have questions about the assignment, contact Mrs. Atkinson at erin.atkinson@signature.edu. Bring all pieces of the assignment to class on the first day of school.