



Summer Reading Assignment

Course: English 9 – Ancient Literature
Grade: 9th
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**Required Book: *Percy Jackson and The Lightning Thief*, by Rick Riordan
(ISBN: 978-0141329994)**

Life at boarding school isn't always what it seems. Your algebra teacher could actually be a Greek monster and your Latin teacher, a centaur. Such is life for Percy Jackson just before he discovers he is the son of Poseidon.

Throughout *The Lightning Thief*, the first book of *Percy Jackson and the Olympians*, Rick Riordan ingeniously captures the attention of young readers and makes mythology accessible to all ages. It is a great way to launch into Greek mythology, a topic we will visit throughout the year.

With that, allow me to officially welcome you to English 9! This year, we will delve into some of the earliest recorded works of literature. We will follow the journey of the hero and ask why such figures were, and still are, an important part of human culture. There will be war, mystery, and many adventures!

Your summer assignment for English 9 is to read *The Lightning Thief* before the first day of class. Please carefully read the below requirements from this assignment.

1. Using the attached template, create a chart of the twelve Olympian gods/goddesses (hint: there are two extra, for a total of 14). List the animal or symbol associated with the god/goddess, as well their sphere of control.
2. Create a separate chart listing any other monster/creature introduced in this book. List at least one characteristic of the creature, as well as any special power or attribute he/she may have. Be sure to list the page number where they are referenced. You should list at least 14, though there are a total of 17.

The 12 Olympian Gods + 2

God/Goddess	Sphere of Control	Animal/Symbol
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
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8.		
9.		
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11.		
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13.		
14.		

MONSTERS & CREATURES

Creature	Characteristic	Power/Attribute	Pg.
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			
9.			
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11.			
12.			
13.			
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