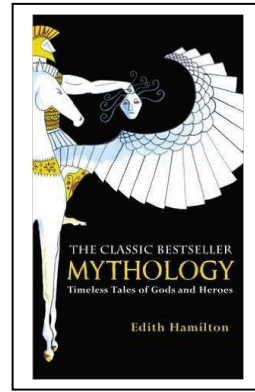

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Summer **Reading Guide** for *Mythology*, by Edith Hamilton

Mythology: Timeless Tales of Gods and Heroes

Edith Hamilton, ISBN-13:9780446574754

Publisher: Grand Central Publishing

Note: Two versions exist - a larger print (512 pages) and a smaller print (495 pages). In my older age, I prefer the larger print; but either version is fine.

Gentlemen, you are welcome to read the entire book this summer, from cover to cover. The information in here will serve you not only in this course but also for the rest of your life. Much of the literature, theater, cinema, art, architecture, music, psychology, and philosophy of Western Civilization is built on, refers to, or alludes to classical Greek and Roman culture; and Greek and Roman mythology permeates those two cultures.

However, you may have summer reading for other honors or AP classes, so let me simplify this a bit.

Read the **Introduction** and **Parts One, Two, Three, and Six** of *Mythology* this summer.
Read **Parts Four and Five** before our Second Quarter begins when we will read the *Iliad*,
and the background in *Mythology* will be helpful. .
Then finish with **Part Seven** during Fourth Quarter when we cover Nordic mythology.

I do not expect you to memorize all these Greek and Roman names and all the details of all these myths and stories, but I do expect you to be familiar with them and to recognize them when they come up in literature and in class discussions, and to understand the references or allusions. When you read *Hamlet* and catch his allusion to Hyperion and a Satyr, when you study psychology in college and recall the myth of Cupid and Psyche, or when you enter the Louvre in Paris and see the *Winged Victory*, you will remember this book and this class...and you will smile..

Let me give you a list of specific names with which you should be familiar.

I strongly suggest that you **highlight these names and key words** when you read your *Mythology* book... and that you **briefly annotate this list** as you come across these names in the book. These highlights and notes will serve you all year long – and in the future.

Please, feel free to email me at any time: brorich@stpauls.com .

I will be very glad to be with you in **Classical Lit (H)** this coming year – **God-willing, in person**.

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CLASSICAL LITERATURE (H) WORKSHEET

PART ONE: The Gods, Creation...

The twelve Titans

Gaea

Uranus

Cronus

Rhea

Ocean

Tethys

Hyperion

Mnemosyne (mnemonic device)

Themis

Iapetus

Atlas

Prometheus

* (Sometimes Phoebe and Epimetheus are included)

The twelve great Olympians (Greek and Roman names)

Zeus

Hera

Poseidon

Hades

Pallas Athena

Phoebus Apollo

Artemis

Aphrodite

Hermes

Ares

Hephaestus

Hestia

The lesser gods

Eros

Iris

The nine Muses

Themis

Nemesis

The gods of water

Ocean

Pontus

Nereus

Triton

Proteus

The Underworld

Tartarus & Erebus

Lethe, Styx, Cocytus, Acheron

Cerberus

Elysian Fields

The Furies

Sleep and Death

The lesser gods of Earth

Demeter

Dionysus

Pan

Castor and Pollux

Satyrs

Aeolus

Zephyr

Centaurs

Gorgons

Gray Women

Sirens

Fates

Roman gods

Saturnalia

Janus

Fauns

Great Gods of Earth

Demeter

Dionysus

Persephone

Maenads or Bacchantes

Creation

Mother Earth and Father Heaven

Night and Chaos

Hundred-Hands and Cyclopes

Prometheus

Epimetheus

Atlas

Typhon

Pandora

Earliest heroes

Prometheus and Io

Argus

Europa

Polyphemus

Narcissus, Hyacinth, Adonis

Echo

PART TWO: Stories of Love and Adventure

Cupid & Psyche

Pyramus & Thisbe

Orpheus & Eurydice

Pygmalion & Galatea

Endymion & Selene (Moon)

Daphne & Apollo

Quest of the Golden Fleece

Argo

Jason

Medea

Harpies

Four Great Adventures

Phaethon & the Sun (Helios)

Pegasus

Bellerophon

Chimaera

Daedalus

Icarus

Minotaur

Minos

PART THREE: Great heroes before the Trojan War

Perseus

Medusa

Gray Women

Theseus

Medea

Minotaur

Labyrinth

Ariadne

Aegeus / Aegean

Hercules

Tiresias

PART SIX: Less important myths

Midas

Aesculapius aka Asclepius or Asklepios

Amazons

Arachne

Chiron

Erichthonius aka Erectheus (c.f. Erectheion)

Hero & Leander

Myrmidons

Orion

Pleiades

Sisyphus