

April 29, 2016

Dear Seventh Grade Students,

Over the summer, you must read at least three books: D'Aulaire's *Book of Greek Myths* (ISBN 0-440-40694-3) and two additional books of your choice. Please choose books that are appropriate for your reading level; I encourage you to talk with your parents about your reading choices.

After reading D'Aulaire's *Book of Greek Myths*, please complete the Baseball Card Project described below. For each of your other two books, please complete one of the Choice Book Activities. You must do a different activity for each book.

Your three projects (Greek Myths Baseball Card and two Choice Book Activities) are due on the first day of school. Each of the three projects will be worth 20 points, for a total of 60 points. This will be your first major project of the year.

Choice Book Activities

1. Choose three songs that somehow represent or relate to your book. For each song, include the song title, artist, lyrics, and a complete paragraph (6-8 sentences) explaining why it suits the book.
2. Draw a portrait of the main character and write a description (at least one paragraph of at least 6-8 sentences) of him/her.
3. In at least one full page, write an alternate ending for the story. Do your best to write in the style of the author.
4. In at least one full page, write a "pitch" to a producer explaining why the story would make a great movie. (You may not do this activity if the book has already been made into a movie.)
5. Using images/words found in magazines, newspapers, etc., create an 8x10 inch collage that represents the book. Write several sentences explaining your artistic choices.
6. Choose a scene in the book, and retell that scene (in at least one full page) from the point of view of a different character.

Greek Myths Baseball Card Project

After you read D'Aulaire's *Book of Greek Myths*, create a baseball card based on a Greek god/goddess! Choose a Greek god/goddess whose story you read. Using a full sheet of printer paper or cardstock, design and create a baseball card for that character. See the sample below for instructions.

<p style="text-align: center;">Name of God/Goddess</p> <p><i>Draw a picture of the god/goddess on this side of the paper. Make sure that your drawing is colorful, neat, and takes up the majority of the page.</i></p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Name of God/Goddess</p> <p>Who: Identity of the god/goddess</p> <p>Bio.: biographical information about the character – where born, what in charge of, what accomplished in life...</p> <p>Symbol(s): what symbol(s) represent him/her</p> <p>Highlights: other interesting information/facts about the god/goddess</p>

I hope that you all have wonderful summers! Wear sunscreen!

Sincerely,

Ms. Watts