

**RLA High School Summer Homework**

**2019**

Directions

1. All students are **required** to read the books from their particular grade’s list below.
2. Students are to craft a five-paragraph essay in response to the *highlighted* reading.
   1. Introductory paragraph, three main body paragraphs, and a concluding paragraph
   2. Basic parameters: typed, black ink, 1-in. margins, Times New Roman, 12 pt. font.
   3. Graded and returned as first English assignment of the new academic year.
   4. **Points deducted for not adhering to writing guidelines detailed below.**
   5. **Grade of “0” will be given if no essay is submitted *on the first day of class*.**
3. Rubric:

**General**

* Name and date in upper left-hand corner 2 pts
* Composition double-spaced 3 pts
* Title centered; reflects key words of final sentence 2 pts
* Paragraphs are of about equal length (7 – 8 reasonable sentences each) 3 pts

**Introduction**

* Attention getter or dramatic open/close 5 pts
* Time and place (historical background) established 5 pts
* Topics to be discussed (**bolded**) or thesis stated clearly (underlined) 10 pts

**Body**

* Content 30 pts

**Conclusion**

* Restate or revisit the topics or thesis 10 pts
* Indicate what is most significant and why it is the most important 5 pts
* No “I” or “we” used 5 pts
* Final sentence reflects or repeats the title 5 pts

**Citation**

* Bibliography page correctly formatted in MLA style 5 pts

**Mechanics**

* Capitalization/punctuation, spelling, and complete sentences 10 pts

**Reading List by Grade Level**

9th Grade

* *Mythology*, by Edith Hamilton (try to get a 75th anniversary copy which is illustrated)
* *The Trojan War*, by Olivia Coolidge

10th Grade

* *Till We Have Faces*, by C.S. Lewis
* *The Bronze Bow,* by Elizabeth George Speare

11th Grade

* *Kristin Lavransdatter* (trilogy), by Sigrid Undset (especially the Penguin Edition)
* *King Lear*, by William Shakespeare (especially the Ignatius Critical Edition)

12th Grade

* *Anna Karenina*, by Leo Tolstoy (especially the Pevear/Volokhonsky translation)
* *Macbeth*, by William Shakespeare (especially the Ignatius Critical Edition)

\***A brief quiz** will be given on the first day of class covering the un-highlighted reading.

\***It is highly recommended** that all RLA high school students be proficient typists before the academic year begins*. Free practice* software is available on the internet at [www.typing.com](http://www.typing.com). You can also invest in the classic Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing software if you prefer.

\***Students new to RLA** entering 10th – 12th grades should try to read the books assigned to the grades prior to their own, especially *Mythology* if they are unfamiliar with the ancient myths.

\***For more excellent titles** to enrich and furnish your child’s mind over the summer, please see Memoria Press’ recommended summer reading list:

<https://www.memoriapressacademy.com/catalog?pagename=summerreading>