

AP LATIN SUMMER 2017 ASSIGNMENTS

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1. Join the AP Latin Google Classroom (j6q8na or email mmash@wcpss.net if this doesn't work)
2. Read, at a minimum, the required readings in English from Vergil's *Aeneid* (Books 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, and 12) and Caesar's *De bello Gallico* (Books 1, 6, and 7), and complete the following written assignments, due by the first day of the fall semester, August 28, 2017.
 - a. For Vergil, you will write a 250+ word response/reaction to each of the required books: 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, and 12.
 - b. For Caesar, you will complete the reading packet posted on Google Classroom.

The Vergil journal entries and the Caesar reading guide will be worth one quiz grade each, to be applied at the beginning of the Spring 2018 course.

Recommended English translations for Vergil, *Aeneid*, and Caesar, *The Gallic War*:

- a. Fagles, Robert, tr. 2010 (first published 2006). *The Aeneid of Vergil*. Princeton. (\$9.02 at Amazon: http://www.amazon.com/Aeneid-Penguin-Classics-Vergil/dp/0143106295/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1433291525&sr=1-1&keywords=vergil+fagles)
- b. Hammond, Carolyn, tr. 2008 (first published 1996). *Caesar: The Gallic War*. Oxford. (\$8.10 at Amazon: http://www.amazon.com/Gallic-War-Commentaries-Commentary-Classics/dp/0199540268/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1433291634&sr=1-1&keywords=caesar+gallic+wars)

Fagles's translation of the *Aeneid* is very readable and is my favorite (Fagles also has excellent translations of the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*). It has a good introduction, notes, and a pronouncing glossary. Try not to get bogged down by the numerous proper names and geographic references, which would have made a lot more sense to an ancient audience. Instead, focus on the story and the major characters and specific scenes.

If, for some reason, you want to read another translation, you can find Penguin Classics translations by W.F. Jackson Knight and David West, a translation by Mandelbaum, and a verse translation by Fitzgerald. For Caesar, you can find the Penguin Classics translation by S.A. Handford (first published 1951). If you prefer, you can find many of these texts in electronic formats for Kindle, Nook, and other eReaders.

Optional summer reading: *Lavinia*, by Ursula K. Le Guin (2008); this novel is based on Vergil's *Aeneid* and gives a voice to Lavinia, Aeneas' future wife from Latium.

2. Re-read the following passages in Latin that we read in the Latin IV Honors course at least once; the more times, the better. I intentionally chose selections for Latin IV which are on the AP syllabus:

- a. Caesar, *De bello Gallico*, Book 6, Ch. 13-20
- b. Vergil, *Aeneid* 1.1-11
- c. Vergil, *Aeneid* 2.40-56, 201-249, 268-297

Also, it can only help you to read more lines on the syllabus before the class actually starts. A specific recommendation from previous AP Latin students is to read the book 1 Latin selections from the *Aeneid* (lines 1-209, 418-440, 494-578) in the summer. I have included the complete text and notes, commentary, and vocabulary on the Google Classroom site. There are also two excellent digital resources available for Caesar and Vergil: [the Dickinson Commentaries for Caesar](#) and the [Vergil Project for the Aeneid](#). Below, for your reference, are the required readings in Latin for the AP course:

I. Caesar, *De bello Gallico*

- Book 1: Chapters 1-7
- Book 4: Chapters 24-35 and the first sentence of Chapter 36
(*Eodem die legati . . . venerunt.*)
- Book 5: Chapters 24-48
- Book 6: Chapters 13-20

II. Vergil, *Aeneid*

- Book 1: Lines 1-209, 418-440, 494-578
- Book 2: Lines 40-56, 201-249, 268-297, 559-620
- Book 4: Lines 160-218, 259-361, 659-705
- Book 6: Lines 295-332, 384-425, 450-476, 847-899

3. Familiarize yourself with the [College Board AP Vergil Course Description](#).

Bona Fortuna and happy reading! I look forward to working with you next year. If you have any questions, please contact me at mmash@wcpss.net or through Google Classroom.

Thanks,
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