

Lighthouse Christian Academy
Incoming 6th Grade 2023/24
Summer Reading and Writing Assignments
D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths

God has spoken to mankind throughout the ages, meeting them and speaking to them in language that they could understand. His Truth was hidden, but not completely absent from the ancient world. The Messiah, Christ the Lord, came in fulfillment of the scriptures and the Bible is the culminating Truth that is handed down to us, his people. Greek mythology can show us glimpses of how HIS TRUTH and BEAUTY flow through all ages, and through all peoples, and yet, is incomplete without the resurrected Christ. It is useful to take a look at these pagan stories and see what little truths they carry as well as what Truth they misunderstand.

This summer, you will read several stories from D'Aulaires' **Book of Greek Myths**, and complete a writing assignment about the stories as reflected in famous works of art. The book can be purchased new or used online (it is a great family read aloud) or borrowed from the public library. You will discuss these stories in Latin class and in Bible class the first week of 6th grade. Our first field trip will be to the National Gallery of Art in D.C. to look at paintings and discuss them as a text. Please see the requirements on the following page. You are encouraged to read D'Aulaires' **Book of Greek Myths** in its entirety throughout the summer. Don't hesitate to contact Mrs. McFarren regarding any questions you may have.

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After reading ***D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths***, pages 74-79 and pages 148-157, **then, and only then**, look at the works of art in the following pages. Complete an art response for each through the google form: [Art Responses for Bible/Latin](#).

Your writing must be at a 6th grade level. Please read carefully, look at the paintings, and think about them. When you write your responses to the art, use complete sentences to express your thoughts. I am looking for thoughtful responses that will take more than one sentence. Since you will be using a new skill, typing, plan on this taking longer than you expect, but understand that typing will be a skill that will last a lifetime!

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Deucalion and Pyrrha
RUBENS, PETER PAUL
1636 - 1637

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Icarus Falls Matisse

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Pandora's Box Odilon Redon