

## English 12 HONORS Summer Assignment- M. Reider

- ☛ All grades from this assignment will be counted for the first marking period. Your seriousness of purpose about this course will become immediately apparent with this summer assignment.

### Your JOB:

- ☛ # 1 ---Literature- ***Edith Hamilton's Mythology***.
  - You will be required to read "The Quest for the Golden Fleece" through "The Fall of Troy". This means you will read pp.159-290 in the hardcover edition. As you read take special note of the characterization of mythology's heroes.
  - You should complete the Study Guide of questions as you read.
- \*\* PICK UP YOUR COPY OF ***Edith Hamilton's Mythology*** from me in ROOM 310. This is YOUR responsibility.\*\*
  
- ☛ #2---College Search Readiness-
  - **This portfolio is due the first day of class, I will not accept it unless it is in a folder or packet, rather than just stapled papers. Nice & tidy. Please make sure your name is on EVERYTHING.**
  - This assignment will be a portfolio comprised of a college exploration and an admissions essay.
  - You will first create an annotated list of **at least six** colleges you are considering applying to for admission. You will investigate those schools through an internet search, examination of materials from the schools, or even visitations to the schools. Be thorough in your research. DO NOT SIMPLY PRINT OUT THEIR WEBPAGE.
  - Your annotated list of schools will consist of a bullet-pointed, yet detailed explanation which includes all of the following elements:
    - Location of school
    - Population
    - Majors/programs offered (you may just note the most popular or biggest, BUT DO NOT SIMPLY PRINT FROM THE INTERNET)
    - And (most importantly of all) your detailed reason for considering each of these schools, please move beyond generic explanations such as "close to home". Think carefully about your choices and what is motivating you toward each of them.

- In addition, **you will write one college admissions essay** as dictated by the actual application from one of these schools. Writing the essay over the summer will give you a huge head start on the college application process. Writing the essay is usually the most onerous part of completing the applications. Often you can use the same essay for more than one school.
- A major part of the work will be done by September, leaving you free to complete the applications. More and more students apply early and because schools sometimes fill their freshmen classes with early admissions and students who submit early to a rolling admissions school, I urge you to have everything completed no later than November 1<sup>st</sup> , no matter what the school's actual official deadline is!

Enjoy the summer and the research. If you need any clarification, you may e-mail me at [mreider@capemaytech.com](mailto:mreider@capemaytech.com). I will be checking my email once a week. I look forward to seeing you in a couple of months.

# EDITH HAMILTON'S *MYTHOLOGY*

## Study Guide

**Directions:** Complete the following study guide questions during your reading. Type your responses and hand in the first day of school. This assignment will provide the building blocks for our first 2 units.

### Study Guide for Chapter Seven: Jason and the Argonauts

1. Who is the king of Greece? What is the state of his marriage?
2. How does Ino plan to get rid of the King's children? How is her plan thwarted?
3. What happens to Phrixus? How does he thank the gods and the King?
4. Who is Jason? What has he set out to do? Who is Philius? On what terms will Philius give Jason his kingdom?
5. Who joins Jason on his journey? Which god protects them? What is the name of the ship?
6. What is Lemnos and who are the people living there? What happens to Hercules? \*
7. Who were the Harpies? Who was Phineus? How is he punished? How do Jason and his companions help him? What advice does Phineus give Jason?
8. Who are the Amazons?
9. What does Hera ask Aphrodite to do? Why? What is Cupid told to do? How does this action effect Medea?
10. For what does Jason ask King AEetes, and what is his response?
11. What is the trial the king gives Jason? How and why does Medea help him? For what is the rock?
12. What guards the fleece?
13. What goddess continues to take care of the Argonauts on their return trip?
14. What is the situation when Jason returns with the fleece?

15. What does Medea trick Pelias's daughters into doing?
16. How does Jason upset Medea? What does she threaten?
17. Who does Medea find caused her to fall for Jason? How does she react?
18. What does Medea give to Jason's bride? What happens to her?
19. What does Medea do after the murder? What is Jason's response?

#### Study Guide for Chapter Eight: Four Great Adventures

### **Phaethon**

1. Who is Phaethon's mother?
2. Why does Phaethon seek out the Sun god?
3. What does Phaethon ask to do? Why is the Sun reluctant to allow this request?
4. Describe the route the Sun travels daily. What is the road like? The horses? The monsters?
5. As soon as Phaethon drives the chariot, what do the horses realize? How do they react?
6. What happens to the world during Phaethon's ride? What does Mother Earth request? How does Jove react? What happens to Phaethon?

### **Pegasus and Bellerophon**

1. Who is Glaucus? How does he bring the wrath of the gods upon himself? What is his fate?
2. Who is rumored to be Bellerophon's father? Who is his mother? Why does it seem likely he is the son of a god?
3. What does Bellerophon want? Who is Polyidus? What does he advise Bellerophon to do?

4. What is Bellerophon given so he can gain Pegasus? Who gives it to him?
5. Why does Anteia want her husband to kill Bellerophon? Why will he not do so? What does he do instead?
6. What does the letter to the King of Lycia read? What does the king do in response?
7. Name three great beings Bellerophon conquered.
8. Did Bellerophon and Proetus ever reconcile? How?
9. What eventually causes the beginning of Bellerophon's demise? How does he die?
10. What happens to Pegasus after Bellerophon's death?

Otus and Ephialtes

1. Who is their father? What are they commonly called?
2. Who do they imprison? How do the gods free this prisoner?
3. What do they strive to do? How do they want to accomplish their goal?
4. How does Poseidon convince Zeus not to throw his thunderbolt?
5. What two goddesses do Otus and Ephialtes love (respectively)? In reality, for whom did they really only care?
6. How does Artemis lead the two to their deaths? Why are their deaths especially painful?

### **Daedalus**

1. What is Daedulus' profession? What famous object does he build?
2. Who is Daedulus' son?
3. Why does King Minos imprison Daedulus and his son?
4. How do Daedulus and his son escape?

5. Of what does Daedulus warn his son? What happens when his son does not heed this warning?

6. To where does Daedulus flee?

7. How does King Minos know where he is?

8. What happens to King Minos?

Study Guide for Chapter Nine: Perseus

1. What does the priestess tell King Acrisius about his daughter, Danae?

2. Why does Acrisius refuse to kill his daughter?

3. Who visits Danae in her chamber? In what form?

4. Who is Perseus?

5. What does Acrisius do to make sure that his grandson will not kill him?

6. Who discovers Danae and Perseus? What does he do with them?

7. Why does Polydectes want to kill Perseus? What is his plan?

8. What happens to anyone who lays eyes on Medusa?

9. What is Hermes' plan to find the way to the nymphs of the North?

10. What does Hermes give to Perseus? Why is it special?

11. What does Athena give Perseus? How will it help him?

12. What gifts do the Hyperboreans give to Perseus?

13. What do the three Gorgons look like? Why can only Perseus kill Medusa?

14. Why is Andromeda being punished? What is her punishment?

15. What does Perseus do to the great snake? Why?

16. What happens when Perseus enters the banquet?

17. What becomes of Acrisius?

18. Who keeps Medusa's head? What does she do with it?

19. Who is Electryon?

### **Study Guide for Chapter Ten: Theseus**

1. What are the terms for Theseus to receive his father's gifts?

2. Why does Theseus not want to travel by sea? Who is his role model? What is his relationship to him?

3. What are Theseus's ideas of dealing with justice? When he arrives at Athens, why is he an acknowledged hero?

4. Why does the King want to poison Theseus? Whose original plan is it? Why? Does Theseus become poisoned? Explain.

5. Why does Minos demand fourteen youths and maidens? What/ who is Minotaur? What happens to these youths? What are Theseus's true intentions in offering himself?

6. Who is Ariadne? What happens when she first sees Theseus? Whom does she consult for help? What is his advice? How does Theseus kill Minotaur? Does Ariadne make it to Athens? Why?

7. Why does Theseus's father kill himself? Who takes over Athens? Explain the new government in Athens.

8. Who bears Theseus a son? What is the son's name?

9. Who is Theseus's friend?

10. Who are the Centaurs? What happens at the wedding?

11. Whom does Theseus want to marry? Whom does Pirithous want to marry? When the friends go to the underworld, who knows their plan? What is the fate of Pirithous? Of Theseus?

12. Whom does Theseus marry? What is her relation to Ariadne?

13. Who falls in love with Hippolytus? Who is behind it? Why?
14. What happens when Hippolytus rejects Phaedra? What does Phaedra leave behind? What does it say? How does Theseus react? What is Hippolytus's fate? What does Artemis tell Theseus?
15. After death of Hippolytus, where does Theseus go? How does he die?

### **Study Guide for Chapter Eleven: Hercules**

1. Why does Hercules consider himself an equal to the gods?
2. Who is Hercules willing to fight to get an answer from the oracle?
3. What is the only thing that can overcome Hercules?
4. How does Hercules show a greatness of soul?
5. Where is Hercules born? Who are Hercules' mortal parents? Who is his biological father?
6. What does Hercules do when the two snakes approach his crib?
7. Whom does Hercules first kill by accident?
8. Whom does Hercules first marry? What happens to him after he and his wife have three sons? What happens to them? Who causes this to happen?
9. Who stops Hercules from trying to kill himself?
10. To whom does the priestess tell Hercules to go? Why?
11. How many labors does Hercules have to complete? Who helps Eurystheus devise these labors?
12. Who is in love with the girl Hercules wants to marry? What happens to him? Who becomes Hercules' wife?



13. With whom does Hercules spend the night on his way to get to the man-eating mares of Diomedes?
14. Why does Admetus' wife die?
15. Why does Hercules bring Alcestis back from the dead?
16. What aspects of Hercules' character are clearly evident in the story of Admetus and Alcestis, considering the ancient Greeks' perspective?
17. Whose city does Hercules capture? Why?
18. What does the man say to Deianira?
19. What does the Centaur Nessus say his blood would do?
20. What does Deianira do when she hears what her gift had done to Hercules?
21. Whom does Hercules marry when he goes to heaven?

#### Study Guide for Chapter Twelve: Atalanta

1. What does Atalanta's father do to her when she is born?
2. Who takes care of Atalanta after her father abandons her?
3. What is the situation with the two centaurs?
4. Whom does Calydon send to punish King Orneus and why?
5. Describe Atalanta when she joins the Argo.
6. Who falls in love with her?
7. Who wounds the boar, and how is it wounded?
8. Who finishes killing the boar?
9. Who opposes giving the skin to Atalanta?
10. Who is Meleager's mother?
11. How is the boar hunt the cause of Meleager's death?
12. What does Meleager do to them?

13. Whom does Atalanta beat in a wrestling match?
14. With whom does she reconcile?
15. Discuss Alalanta's conditions for marrying.
16. How does her husband succeed? Which goddess helps him?
17. What was Atalanta's son's name?
18. Into what kind of animals are Atalanta and Meleager turned?

### **Study Guide for Chapter Thirteen: The Trojan War**

1. Who is the most beautiful woman in the world? Who is her biological father? Who is chosen to be her husband?
2. What does Paris do officially to spark the Trojan War? Why do the chieftains of Greece help Menelaus against Troy? Which two of the chieftains were missing at first? Why?
3. Why is Artemis angry at the Greeks? What does she demand of them to calm the wind and ensure a safe voyage to Troy? Do they do what she asks?
4. Why is it brave for Protesilaus to be the first to leap ashore? Who is the greatest of the Trojan warriors?  
Of the Greek warriors? What does each of them know will happen to them before Troy is taken?
5. For how many years does victory go back and forth? What two Greeks have a fight that turns outcome in favor of the Trojans? What is the fight about?
6. Which gods are on the side of the Trojans? Which are on the side of the Greeks?
7. What does Aphrodite do to protect Paris when he fights alone against Menelaus?  
What happens to keep the Greeks and Trojans from coming to an agreement?

8. Who almost dies at the hand of Diomedes? Who tries to stop Diomedes? Are they successful?
9. How is Ares stopped when he is fighting for Hector with the Trojans? Does this loss hurt the Trojans? How do the Trojans try to fix it?
10. Why does Zeus leave Olympus and go to help the Trojans himself?
11. What nickname do the Trojans give Hector?
12. How do the Greeks try to appease Achilles? What is his response?
13. What is Hera's plan? Does it work? How does Hector escape harm? Who has been helping the Greeks against Zeus' wishes? Who stops the Greeks from conquering Troy? How?
14. Who revives Hector? To whom does Achilles give his armor and men? Why? What happens when Patroclus meets Hector face to face? Who gets Achilles' armor?
15. Why does Achilles enter the fight again? Who makes his new armor? Who is appointed by Zeus to die during this battle?
16. Why does Hector not flee into Troy? Who accompanies Achilles in battle? Why does Hector stop his flight around the walls of Troy? Who does he think is his ally? Who is it really? What covenant does Hector try to make with Achilles? Does Achilles accept?
17. Does Achilles succeed in killing Hector the first time he throws his spear? Who brings it back to him? Why doesn't Hector's spear kill Achilles?
18. What does Achilles do with Hector's body? What three gods on Olympus do not mind the abuse of the dead? How does the King regain Hector's body? How many days do they mourn Hector? Describe the funeral.

## **Study Guide for Chapter Fourteen: The Fall of Troy**

1. Why did Apollo guide the arrow into Achilles' heel? How had Achilles' mother been careless?
2. What did Athena do to Ajax? When Ajax saw what he had done, what did he say? What did he do?
3. What did the prophet Helenus predict about the war?
4. When Paris was wounded, what did he request? What happened to him and to Oenone?
5. What plan did Odysseus craft in order to infiltrate Troy? Be complete in your answer.
6. What story does Sinon tell to the Trojans?
7. What happens to Laocoon and how does this affect the Trojan's reaction?
8. Describe the battle. What did some of the quick-witted Trojans do?
9. What is Priam's fate?
10. Who was the only god(dess) to help the Trojan's that day? What happens to her son?
11. Identify Hecuba. How did the fall of her family mark the end of Troy?