

Rising Seventh Grade Summer 2024 Reading List

The seventh grade class is about to embark on a great adventure through Ancient Literature. These required readings will equip them well for the challenges and glories ahead!

Required Books

***Tales of the Greek Heroes* by Roger Lancelyn Green.** *Tales of the Greek Heroes* is an incredible retelling of the marvelous myths of Ancient Greece. Students should purchase their own copy and read the book in its entirety over the summer, knowing that they will discuss the tales thoroughly in class throughout the first quarter (978-0141325286, Puffin Classics).

***D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths* by Ingri and Edgar D'Aulaire. (Assigned Excerpts)**

This book is one of the best introductions to the Greek world. Its beautiful illustrations and narrative stories paint a picture of the origin of the Western tradition in which we now live. Knowing these stories will help students embark on their journey into Greek mythology and appreciate the culture we have inherited.

Students should read pages 1–69, 72–75, and 162–173.

In addition to familiarizing themselves with the stories of the Olympian gods and goddesses, students should be able to summarize the stories of Prometheus and Hercules which are recorded in these texts.

Additional Suggested Reading

These suggested titles are inspirational tales of missionaries and others led by God to overcome incredible obstacles.

***The Slave Dancer* by Paula Fox.** This Newbery Award book is a fascinating tale of a young boy who finds himself caught up in the slave trade. This book reveals the depravity of man and the need for Christ as our Savior.

***Amy Carmichael: Let the Little Children Come* by Lois Hoadley Dick.** The tale of a missionary in India who rescued children from an awful “marriage to the gods.”

***George Muller: Man of Faith and Miracles* by Basil Miller.** The story of a man who was a vagabond and thief brought to faith in Christ. He started an orphanage ministry and proved that despite poverty, God could provide for the thousands of orphans in his care.

***The Little Woman* by Gladys Aylward.** The story of a woman who fulfilled her calling as a missionary during China’s turbulent Sino-Japanese war in the 1930’s. She had to overcome many obstacles to work in China; one of her many contributions was overseeing the safety of over 100 orphans. This is a wonderful testimony to the power of prayer.

***Eric Liddell: Something Greater than Gold* by Janet Bengé and Geoff Bengé OR *Eric Liddell* by Catherine Swift.** Eric Liddell was the hero of the film *Chariots of Fire*, and risked becoming a national disgrace at the 1924 Paris Olympics when he refused to run on Sunday. This story of “God’s Athlete” makes inspiring reading.

***Bulfinch's Greek and Roman Mythology: The Age of Fable* by Thomas Bulfinch.** *The Age of Fable* is a classic collection of ancient Greek and Roman mythology, plays, and epic poems. Chapters 1 and 2 introduce Greek myths and the creation of the world, providing a comprehensive understanding of the Greek world. If you are interested in adding a beautiful copy to your library, consider this leather-bound book that includes all three of Bulfinch’s original titles: *The Age of Fable*, *The Age of Chivalry*, and *The Legends of Charlemagne* (ISBN: 978-1626861695). However, to complete this summer’s reading, this paperback is more than sufficient (ISBN: 978-0486411071, Dover Thrift Edition).