

Rising Seventh Grade Summer 2020 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:

Selections from *Bulfinch's Greek and Roman Mythology: The Age of Fable* by Thomas Bulfinch
Please read the following chapters:

Chapter 1: Introduction

Chapter 2: Prometheus and Pandora,

Chapter 3: Apollo and Daphne–Pyramus and Thisbe–Cephalus and Procris,

Chapter 11: Cupid and Psyche

Chapter 14: Minerva–Niobe

Chapter 17: The Golden Fleece

Bulfinch's Greek and Roman Mythology: The Age of Fable is a classic collection of ancient Greek and Roman mythology, plays, and epic poems. 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: 1626861692). However, to complete this summer's reading, this paperback is more than sufficient (ISBN: 0486411079).

In addition to Bulfinch, please read *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 man's cruelty to man, and as we discuss this book, it leads to the introduction of the theme of seventh grade literature, which is *The Nature of Man*, in particular the depravity of man, and the need for Christ as our Savior.

Additional Suggested Reading

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

***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.