

Crossroads Academy Incoming Sixth Grade Required Summer Reading and Writing

Reading

- *Bible Stories for Children* – Geoffrey Horn and Arthur Cavanaugh
- Students who did not read *The Odyssey* in fifth grade, should read a children's version of it. There are many excellent options including one by Geraldine McCaughrean (Puffin) and one by Robin Lester (Kingfisher).
- *Aeneas: Virgil's Epic Retold for Young Readers* by Emily Frenkel
- Free choice: Choose any appropriate fiction or non-fiction books, (Please choose at least one book that focuses on racism or social justice. You can find some titles [here](#), but your choices are certainly not limited to these.)

Writing

- **Skit Writing:** *Bible Stories for Children*
 - Read these stories. Complete this [survey](#) to indicate FOUR stories you are particularly interested in. From these Bible stories, you will be assigned one story. (Ms. George will email you). Reread this story and write a skit/play based on the story.
 - Format: Your skit/play should include a title, list of characters and who they are and stage directions. You will bold each character's name followed by a colon, and then what the character says. Stage directions should be in ().
 - Length: Your skit/play should be no less than 2 pages typed, and no more than 4 pages typed (12 font)
- **Letter Writing:** *The Odyssey* and *Aeneas: Virgil's Epic Retold*
 - Imagine two archrivals ending up as pen pals!
 - Now that you've read both *The Odyssey* and *Aeneas*, write a substantial, meaningful letter from Aeneas to Odysseus. Writing as Aeneas, introduce yourself, share your feelings towards Odysseus for his role in sacking Troy, ask him questions, compare and contrast your journey with his, and compare your personality with his. Does Odysseus have character flaws that bother you? Does he have strengths that you might begrudgingly admire?
 - Finish the letter with any further communication you think these two characters might have.

Free Reading

- You should keep a record of your reading on the included form. Please be sure the form is filled out completely, and bring it with you to English class on the first day of school.

Crossroads Academy Summer Reading Form

Student Name: _____

Students are required to read 4 choice books over the summer.

Title of Book	Author	Date Completed
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____