

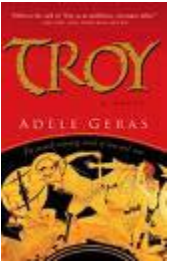
Freshman Summer Reading List 2011

Students will be assessed during the third week of Fall Semester 2011 on the content of the novel that they have chosen. Parents are encouraged to preview the book that their child chooses to read.

Gifted and Honors Language Arts Class

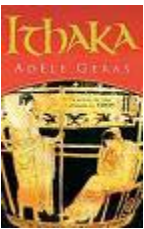
Choose one of the following four books to read: Troy, Ithaka, Helen of Troy, or The Firebrand.

Troy by Adele Geras



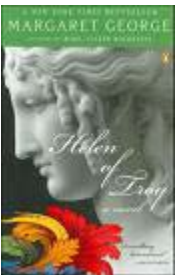
The last weeks of the Trojan War find the women sick of tending the wounded, men tired of fighting, and bored gods and goddesses trying to find ways to stir things up.

Ithaka by Adele Geras



The island of Ithaka is overrun with uncouth suitors demanding that Penelope choose a new husband, as she patiently awaits the return of Odysseus from the Trojan War.

Helen of Troy by Margaret George



A novel about the legendary Helen of Troy and her epic Homeric story set in the heart of the Mycenaean culture.

The Firebrand by Marion Zimmer Bradley

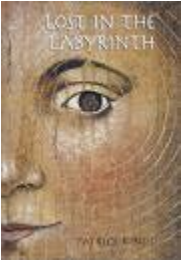


Kassandra, the beautiful Trojan priestess of Apollo, maneuvers her way through the intrigues and dangers of the fall and the sacking of the City of Troy.

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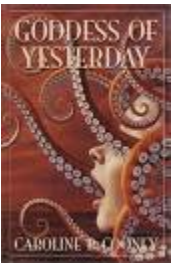
Choose one of the following books to read:

Lost in the Labyrinth by Patrice Kindl



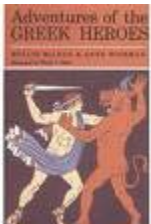
Fourteen-year-old Princess Xenodice tries to prevent the death of her half-brother, the Minotaur, at the hands of the Athenian prince, Theseus, who is aided by Icarus, Daedalus, and her sister Ariadne.

Goddess of Yesterday by Caroline B. Cooney



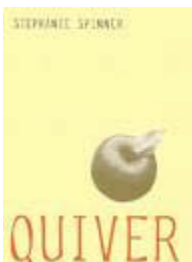
Taken from her home on an Aegean island as a six-year-old girl, Anaxandra calls on the protection of her goddess while she poses as two different princesses over the next six years, before ending up as a servant in the company of Helen and Paris as they make their way to Troy.

Adventures of Greek Heroes by Mollie McLean and Anne Wiseman



Contains the stories of some of the poems told by Greek poets at Olympia, including Hercules, Perseus, Theseus, Orpheus, Meleager, and the Argonauts.

Quiver by Stephanie Spinner



Sixteen-year-old Atalanta, abandoned as an infant, has grown into a renowned archer, and the fastest mortal in the land, so when her father issues her an ultimatum that she must marry and produce an heir, she counters with the condition the one she marries must beat her in a footrace.

Quicksilver by Stephanie Spinner



The stories of the Trojan War, Persephone and Demeter, Perseus, Odysseus, and others are recounted from the perspective of Zeus's son and messenger, Hermes.

Aphrodite's Blessing by Clemence McLaren



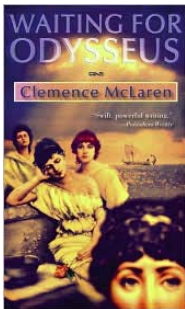
Atalanta, Andromeda, and Psyche, three female characters in Greek mythology, tell the stories of their marriages. Includes information on love and marriage in ancient Greece.

Inside the Wall of Troy by Clemence McLaren



As the Trojan War rages around them, Helen, the woman who started it, and Cassandra, the one who foresaw it, develop a deep friendship. Through their eyes the readers see the Trojan War in a fascinating new way.

Waiting for Odysseus by Clemence McLaren



The story of Odysseus has intrigued readers who have followed the Greek hero's journey from Ithaca to Troy and then from island to island as he attempts to return home after the Trojan War. Like many retellers before her, McLaren uses the basic tale first recounted in Homer's *Iliad* and *Odyssey*, but instead of narrating the events in the voice of the hero himself, she tells the story from the point of view of the four women who were most intimately affected.

The Odyssey: a Graphic Novel Based on Homer's Epic Poem by Gareth Hinds



Homer's immortal epic poem is the subject of this graphic novel that comprises almost 250 pages of fully painted art that is based on several different translations about Odysseus' travels, encounters with gods and other mythical creatures, and his return home to reclaim his throne as king of Ithaca. This adaptation remains extremely faithful to the original text.