

Summer Reading Assignments for Urban Assembly New York Harbor School

Rising Sophomores: Research Project (Preparation for Homer's "The Odyssey")

Identification and Background Information

Identify the following characters. Tell us who they are, what they are famous for having done and when it took place. Be sure to include the source where your information comes from and site it using the attached "Urban Assembly New York Harbor School Golden Page," (Parenthetical citations).

Example: Zeus is the King of the Gods who is the ruler over all other Gods except Hades, the God of the Underworld. He lives on Mt. Olympus and has a reputation for meddling in the lives of mortals and other Gods who upset him. He is married to Hera but is known for his infidelity and multiple offspring. He is always associated with a lightning bolt which is his symbol and he commands the sky. **(Doe. *Mythology For Dummies*. New York: Penguin, 2008.)**

1. Homer
2. Odysseus
3. Cyclops
4. Penelope
5. Calypso
6. Circe
7. Sirens
8. Charybdis
9. Scylla
10. Argus
11. Achilles
12. Helen
13. Paris

Famous Events: Tell us what happened at this event and why it is important. **DO NOT PLAGIARIZE** the information. Paraphrase, put the story into your own words, and be sure to cite the source where you found your information as in the example above.

1. Trojan War
2. Golden Fleece
3. Trojan Horse
4. Ogygia
5. Ithaca
6. Greece

This will count as a first Mastery Work for the first marking period of the school year.