

AP Latin Literature: 2019 Summer Assignment

Undertaking the AP Latin syllabus is a grand adventure but daunting, and you will have many demands on your time once the school year starts. To get a jump-start on the syllabus's required reading in English, complete the following summer assignment.

I. Buy your own English translation of *The Gallic War* (Oxford World Classics, translation by C. Hammond ISBN-0199540268). Read Books 1, 6, and 7. Take 5-7 notes in your own handwriting on each book. Your notes should be hand written and fairly detailed so that you can use them to review these books quickly at various points during the coming year. I recommend listing key events, locations and characters as well as writing in your own words a summary of events in that book. Bring the book and notes to our first class. Value: 20 points

II. Buy your own English translation of the *Aeneid* by Vergil. There are translations by Robert Fagels, Mandelbaum, and West. Many students favor the translation by David West in the Penguin Classics series (ISBN-0140449329). Read books 1,2, 4, 6, 8, 12. Take 5-7 notes in your own handwriting on each book. Your notes should be hand written and fairly detailed so that you can use them to review these books quickly at various points during the coming year. I recommend listing key events, locations and characters as well as writing your own summary of events. Bring the book and notes to our first class. Value: 20 points and due on the second day of school.