

Summer 2011: Pre-AP Summer Work

For an introduction to the class and to give you some background with which to begin Pre-AP English II, please complete the following two assignments.

I. An allusion is a reference to another person, place, thing, or idea from history or literature.

In our approach to varied literature of the world, we will encounter many biblical and mythological allusions. Some of them you will be familiar with; others you will not. As you will learn in our first few weeks of class, authors speak through their work to their audiences. Their messages are often difficult to understand, and your understanding of the literary tools the authors use will be essential. You will continue to use this background knowledge as you move on to AP English III and IV; be sure you get a solid background understanding now!

Please read the passages listed below with a literary, not religious, mindset. When you synthesize the information, it should be **plot summary and analysis of any major themes**. HANDWRITE a short summary for each allusion on an index card; there should be 36 total. Please note that there will be a quiz the first week of class. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the reading, please e-mail me at akrawczyk@wcpss.net.

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| | | GREEK (ROMAN) MYTHS |
| Old Testament | → Creation story; Fall of Man: Genesis 1, 2, and 3 | → Aphrodite (Venus) |
| | → Cain and Abel: Genesis 4: 1-16 | → Apollo |
| | → The Flood: Genesis 6: 9-25 | → Ares (Mars) |
| | → Golden Calf: Exodus 32 | → Jason and the Golden Fleece |
| | → David and Goliath: 1 Samuel 17 | → Athena (Minerva) |
| | → Samson and Delilah: Judges 16:16 | → Dionysus (Bacchus) |
| | → King Solomon's Wisdom: 1 Kings 3 | → Eros (Cupid) |
| | → Patience of Job: Job 1-3; 40-42 | → Hades (Pluto) |
| | → John the Baptist Head on a Platter: Matthew 14: 1-12 | → Heracles (Hercules) |
| New Testament | → Judas/silver coins: Matthew 26: 14-16 | → Icarus and Daedalus |
| | → Golgotha: Matthew 27: 29-34 | → Odysseus (Ulysses) |
| | → Gethsemane/Temptation of Christ: Mark 14: 32-42 | → Pan (Faunus) |
| | → Blind leading the blind: Luke 6: 39-42 | → Pandora |
| | → The Good Samaritan: Luke 11: 29-38 | → Persephone (Proserpina) |
| | → The Prodigal Son: Luke 15:11-22 | → Poseidon (Neptune) |
| | → Lazarus: John 11 | → Prometheus |
| | → "The Denial": Matthew 26, Mark 14, Luke 22, John 18 | → Trojan War |
| | → Revelation: The book of Revelation | → Zeus (Jupiter) |

These may be easily accessed in Edith Hamilton's *Mythology*, which can be found in any public library.

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- II. Read the Wakefield 2.1 summer assignment, *Little Brother*, by Cory Doctorow. It is a futuristic novel about the influences/dangers of technology. It can be accessed for free on many websites (just google the title and author), such as <http://craphound.com/littlebrother/download/>. I'm even told you can download it to most electronic devices, like your iPad, for free. ☺ It's a quick read, and it's pretty interesting. When you're finished, simply **write a two page paper** stating what you thought of the book and **supporting your answer with specific details from the book**.

Both assignments are due the **first day of class**. If you have English second semester, turn in the assignment the first day then. Before you panic, take a look at the workload; it's not difficult! Again, please feel free to e-mail me at akrawczyk@wcpss.net with any questions. I'm happy to help.

See you in the fall...or spring....,

-Ms. Krawczyk