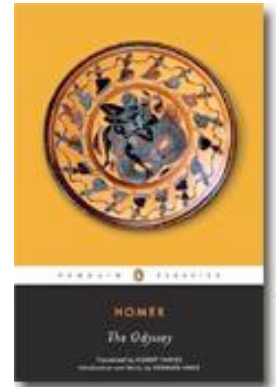
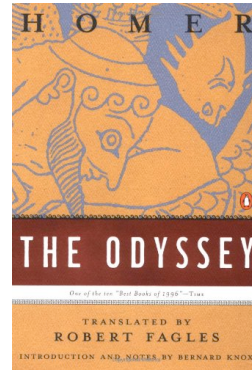


## English 9H Summer Reading

Obtain a copy of **Homer's *The Odyssey*** translated by **Robert Fagles**. Please be sure to get this translation; the language is easy to understand compared to other editions and it has a glossary in the back. You can get this book online or at Barnes and Noble. There are Signature School books reserved for our students at the checkout counter.



- Read Book One, Athena Inspires the Prince, through Book Eight, A Day for Songs and Contests (pages 77-211). The reading is challenging – you are reading an epic poem translated from Greek and you may not be used to the language and format. To address these issues, you have an assignment to go along with the reading. For each chapter (book), complete a brief outline to help you understand the plot. It should follow this format:

Name:

Chapter title:

### I. Characters Involved

- List as many characters as necessary and identify who they are (use glossary for help)
- EXAMPLE: Poseidon, god of the sea and enemy of Odysseus
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### II. Major Plot Points and Action

- Write three to five key events from the chapter
- EXAMPLE: Athena calls on Telemachus to embark on a journey to find his father.
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### III. Important Passages

- Write TWO passages you find meaningful, insightful, or interesting and note the line and page numbers you found it.
- EXAMPLE: “They court my mother, they lay waste to my house! And mother ... she neither rejects a marriage she despises nor can she bear to bring the courting to an end – while they continue to bleed my household white” (page 85, line 288-292).

## General requirements

- Please work through the text ON YOUR OWN and avoid online reading guides. That is the lazy way to learn. You will become a stronger reader if you work through the text and try to figure it out. I know it is difficult – but you will never get better if you don't push yourself.
- You may hand write or type these outlines; please write neatly if you do it by hand. You should have ONE OUTLINE for each chapter.

**This assignment will be collected the first day of school. If you have questions, contact Erin Atkinson at [erin.atkinson@signature.edu](mailto:erin.atkinson@signature.edu) or Carrie (Reineke) Schmitt at [carrie.reineke@signature.edu](mailto:carrie.reineke@signature.edu)**