

2021 Summer Reading Assignment
Greek 2 and Greek 3

Book: *Song of Achilles*. Madeline Miller. Ecco 2012. ISBN 978-0-06-206062-4

Instructions:

Read the book! Enjoy it! If you have read it before, read it again!

We will reading selections from Homer's *Iliad* this year and it will benefit you to be invested in the characters and relationships of the Greeks and the Trojans as they struggle with each other. Miller's take on this epic story is an important look at an old story through a modern lens. Pay attention to where you think she has deviated from Homer's version. We will hope to use our own lenses to find value and meaning in this ancient tale.

Assessment:

There will not be an assessment of the summer reading, but we will use the story to inform our discussions and projects throughout the year.

Additional Resources:

You may also find an English translation of Homer's *Iliad* to be something you must have.

For example, here is a recent edition:

The *Iliad*: A New Translation by Caroline Alexander. Ecco 2016. ISBN 978-0-06-204628-4.

And here is a sturdy prose version:

The *Iliad*. Translated by E.V. Rieu. Penguin Classics. Revised 2003. ISBN 978-0-14-044794-1

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have.

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