

World History Summer Reading Assignment

The World History summer reading text is Pauline Gedge's *Child of the Morning*: ISBN 978-1-56976-324-7

From the author's website:

She ruled not only as Queen but as Pharaoh thirty-five centuries ago. Yet her name - Hatshepsut - did not appear in dynastic rolls nor is her reign celebrated on monuments. Prejudice against a female on the throne was so intense that successors, especially her step-nephew Thothmes III, tried to erase all trace of her regime. Records and monuments were destroyed, the tombs of faithful ministers defiled, and the commemorative walls of the huge and magnificent temple erected for her at Deir-el Bahri by her royal architect and lover were similarly defaced. And yet her story has endured; the temple is now rebuilt and recently her mummy has been positively identified.

In *Child of the Morning*, Pauline Gedge has told the fascinating story of this amazing woman from girlhood through her reign, during which she mastered the arts of war and government and extended Egypt's empire. As in all her novels of Ancient Egypt, Pauline Gedge brings us that long-ago civilization and its people to vivid, breathing life.

All students will have a writing assignment based on this book due the second week of school. Exact instructions for writing will be given on the first day of school. **For now, just read it and enjoy it.**

Best,
Dr. Hall

If you have any questions, feel free to e-mail me and I will get back to you as soon as you can.
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