

SUMMER 2026 English II Honors

Reading & Annotation Instructions

Part I: *The Odyssey Graphic Novel*

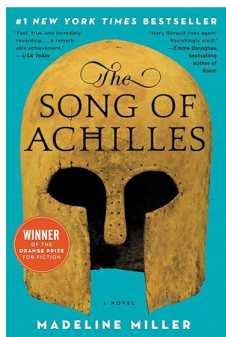
Please carefully read the graphic novel, *The Odyssey*. Thoughtful, careful, and reflective reading takes time. Unplug and disconnect from your digital world and read with a pencil in hand, underlining passages and making notes in the margins. (Annotation!) You might use sticky tabs or Post-Its to mark pages and write longer notes. Don't worry about underlining or marking the "wrong" passages or pages—this is *your* reading experience.



Please annotate your copy within each chapter with notes in the margins on each of the **characters, motifs, and themes**.

Part II: Choice Novel

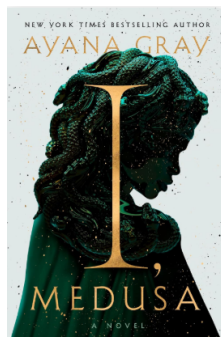
Directions: Choose one of the following novels to read in addition to *The Odyssey Graphic Novel*. As you read, please annotate your chosen novel with careful consideration of characters, themes, and motifs. You will be graded on your annotations of both *The Odyssey* and one of the novels below.



Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller

Song of Achilles is a novel that focuses on

the relationship between the demigod, Achilles, and his human companion, Patroclus. With gorgeous prose, Miller reimagines the story of the Trojan war in *the Iliad* through the lens of young love.



I, Medusa by Ayana Gray

In *I, Medusa*, Gray takes the myths that paint

Medusa as both a monster and a victim, and reinterprets her as the architect of her own story. From Medusa, or Meddy's perspective, readers gain insight into what life was like for women in ancient Greece.



Ariadne by Jennifer Saint

Ariadne is a lesser celebrated woman in mythology,

mostly made famous for her half-brother, the Minotaur, and her supposed-rescuer, the hero, Theseus. Saint reconstructs Ariadne's story through both Ariadne and her sister Phaedra's perspectives, ultimately giving readers insight into the women at the mercy of gods and men.

Note: When you have a choice novel to read, you are expected to do your own research to determine which novel is ultimately right for you as a reader at this moment.