

# AP LATIN SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

2017-2018 AP Latin (Vergil/Caesar)

Mrs. Murphy

Over the summer please read Vergil's Aeneid in English. I recommend Robert Fagles' translation but it is not required. You can use the dog-eared copy on your parents' bookshelf if you choose. Some translations are more poetic than others, check a few to see which you find most readable.

The Aeneid is divided into 12 chapters. For each chapter create a note card "cheat sheet" (maximum 4"x 6" cards). On each card (front/back) take notes from the chapter-who did what to whom. DO NOT try to note every detail. This should be the big picture of each chapter, detailing the people, places and actions.

The first week of school we will have an "open note card" test on The Aeneid. **If you have read the book, have taken quality notes and are familiar with the content you should do very well.** This background information will then allow us to translate portions of The Aeneid throughout the year and discuss them in context of the entire book.

You will **KEEP** your note cards for reference throughout the year and then have an excellent study guide prior to the AP exam.

**Nota Bene:** Every year I give this assignment and every year one or two students seem to think that I am joking about the test, or that they can do well by cramming the reading the week before, or even "I know the story, I don't need to take notes". **And every year these students start the year with a BAD grade** and have to play catch up for the whole semester rather than doing the work and starting with a **GOOD grade** and a nice foundation for the semester.

**Do yourself a favor: READ THE BOOK AND TAKE THE NOTES!**