

Trinity Christian School
Ninth Grade Summer Reading Requirements

This summer all rising ninth grade students are required to read and report on W. H. D. Rouse's *Gods, Heroes, and Men of Ancient Greece*. This book is available (new) at the following locations:

Booksamillion.com: \$10.77 (membership price)

Amazon.com: \$11.58

Barnesandnoble.com: \$11.97

Other searches can be made to find used copies for much less than these listed prices.

This book is divided into five parts; students must write a sufficient summary on each. Students are especially to carefully consider and note the author's treatment of Christianity, particularly at the end of the book.

This report is due on the first day of the new school year. It will count as several grades. Please use the following guidelines on the attached pages for format and organization.

Summer Reading Book Report Format

Book reports must include an introduction, body, and conclusion along with the specified points on this outline. The basic format of this report must be the following:

- ✓ typed in 12-point Times New Roman font
- ✓ double-spaced.
- ✓ set up with one inch margins on all four sides
- ✓ approximately 750-1000 words (3-4 pages) in length (longer is acceptable)
- ✓ stapled, (no special report folders/binders. please)

****NOTE: If you use any of the author's exact words in your book report, you must put them in quotation marks and provide the page number where they are found.***

PLAGIARISM WARNING!: You may not use any other source to write this paper without giving proper recognition to every word, phrase, or idea that is not your own.

Book Report Outline

I. Introduction (1 paragraph):

- A. Include the book title and the author's name in the first sentence.
- B. Briefly explain the author's intent/main idea/purpose of this book.

II. Body (at least 5 paragraphs): This book begins in a procession from the "Beginning of Things" (11) to the end of the reign of the Greek gods.

A. Main Points:

1. Sufficiently summarize each of the five sections.
2. Be sure to transition from paragraph to paragraph. You may find that you need more than five paragraphs for the body of your paper as you try to summarize the many separate little myths in this book.

III. Conclusion: Your evaluation of the book: (2 paragraphs):

A Discuss the author, considering the following questions:

1. How does the author treat Christianity, especially at the end? True? False? Equal with other religions? Superior?
2. Does the author say anything correct or incorrect about God and/or the Christian faith?
3. Why did the author write this work? What was his message/agenda?
4. What does the author seem to think or believe about his subject matter?
5. What does the author seem to think or believe about religion? God? Mankind?
6. Is the author's message convincing? Why or why not?

B. Give your favorable and/or unfavorable thoughts about the book while considering the following about the book you read:

1. What are its strengths and weaknesses?
2. Were you satisfied or disappointed with the outcome?
3. How did the book influence the way you look at Christianity?
4. Overall, what is your evaluation/impression of the book? Would you recommend it to anyone? Why or why not?

| Requirements | Points Possible | Points Earned | Comments |
|---|------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Introduction | 10 | | |
| Body (clear, factually accurate book summary, covers all major/necessary information) | 30 | | |
| Conclusion/Evaluation | 20 | | |
| Proper format, style, length | 15 | | |
| Grammar, spelling, mechanics | 15 | | |
| Properly organized according to outline | 10 | | |
| -11 points per day for late paper | -- | | Due: Received: |
| Total | 100 | | |