

Summer Assignments

In the summer before my freshmen year of HS, I learned that I had to read 8 books in preparation for school that year. The task was daunting to me at the time, but also proved to be an eye opening moment for me. Some of the books, which I had to read that summer, are still my favorites today. I've been a 'reader' ever since. I hope you can also glean the same excitement I did that year.

As young Classicists, you must hold yourself to a higher standard. You have the unenviable job of keeping Latin and the illustrious history of Rome alive. The books, assigned to you below, are not difficult to read or even completely foreign subjects to you. However, these texts will reveal a new world of intrigue and excitement to your repertoire of knowledge. The first page is always the most difficult, so don't hesitate. This book will not hurt your vacation or ruin the beach for you.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the titles or the assignment.

Latin III

You will be reading an introductory history of Rome written by Paul A. Zoch. His book is informative and prepared for new learners of Roman History. The book will take you from the founding of Rome to the end of the *Pax Romana*. I hope you find a better perspective on the history of Rome moving forward.

- 1) Read *Ancient Rome: an Introductory History* by Paul A. Zoch. You can find it on [Amazon](#). The book can also be found on [Google Books](#).
- 2) Outline Chapters 4, 16, 18, 19 through 22. Although you are only outlining these chapters, we expect you to know the whole book.

Optional Reading - These are great books to read if you have time

Augustus - John Williams; *Gates of Fire: an Epic Novel of the Battle of Thermopylae* - Steven Pressfield; *Pax Romana* - Adrian Goldsworthy

