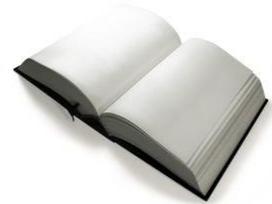


GT English
Summer Reading Assignments 2018–2019

Summer reading assignments need to be completed before you attend your first day of class. There is too much work here to wait until the last minute. Start early and pace yourself.

Assignment #1:
Biography/Autobiography



Read a biography or autobiography of your choice. Select a book that is appropriate both in content and reading level. This book will serve as a starting point for further research this year, so choose something that interests you. If you have questions about your selection, just ask.

Then, answer **ten** of the following fifteen items (**seven** from the first column and **three** from the second).

Please type and print your responses, labeling each question clearly. Folders, sheet covers, or any other special bindings are unnecessary and discouraged.

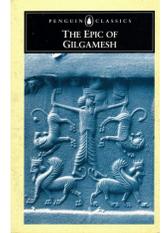
Column One Answer seven of these items in the <u>first person</u> from the point of view of the subject of your biography/autobiography.	Column Two Answer three of these items from your own perspective.
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Tell me about your greatest accomplishment.2. Tell me about the greatest obstacle you faced.3. Explain the most controversial issue of your time.4. What is your family life like?5. Tell me about your greatest fear.6. Describe your attitude toward your society.7. What are your opinions on life in the 21st century?8. Describe your mentor.9. What is your position on being considered a role model?10. What are your philosophies about life? Do you have a motto?	<ol style="list-style-type: none">11. Why did you choose this subject's biography/autobiography?12. What was the biggest surprise you learned about your subject?13. Explain whether you admire the subject more or less after reading the biography/autobiography.14. How do you identify with your subject? (What do you have in common?)15. What is the biggest disappointment you have in your subject after reading the biography/autobiography?

Each response for Assignment #1 needs to display some insight you have into your subject. For instance, let's imagine you have read a biography of Mickey Mantle. For #8, you would not simply say that Casey Stengel was one of Mantle's mentors. Instead, you would go into depth by describing Stengel's qualities that Mantle admired, the ways Mantle tried to emulate Stengel, the advice Stengel gave Mantle, and other ways Stengel impacted Mantle's life.

Assignment #2:

The Epic of Gilgamesh, **Anonymous**

Read *The Epic of Gilgamesh*. There are many translations, but in class we will use the version written by N. K. Sandars (<http://bit.do/gilgameshepic>). Be prepared for a test over the reading during the first week of school.



Then, write an essay arguing what makes an effective leader. Use evidence from *The Epic of Gilgamesh* to support your position. These can be summaries or direct quotations and can be examples or non-examples.

This essay should be about 500 words long, and you can write it by hand or type it.

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