AP Latin Summer Reading Assignment

Congratulations and welcome to AP Latin! I hope that you will find next year to be interesting, engaging, and challenging. Because the AP Latin syllabus is rather extensive, we will get ahead on the required readings in English and the Cæsar vocabulary that you will be expected to know in the fall. In order to (what type of clause, please?) integrate your brain and the books quite nicely together, please answer the questions on the next few pages on a separate piece of lined paper after reading the required texts. I suggest reading one book at a time, and then answering its respective questions for maximum efficiency.

Notā Bene: Do not leave this summer assignment to the last day! Another word of advice: Practice getting on the good side with The Fates over the summer, because they control EVERYTHING (i.e., actually do your work!)

Assignments: DUE DATE: First day of class

1. Buy Caesar’s *Gallic War* (*Dē Bellō Gallicō*)
   
   **TASKS:**
   - Read Books 1, 4, 5, 6, 7
   - Answer comprehension questions on separate piece of lined

3. Buy *The Aeneid* by Vergil
   
   
   **TASKS:**
   - Read books 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12.
   - Answer comprehension questions on separate piece of lined
# Suggested summer schedule

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Caesar: Questions by Book

DBG Book 1
1. Who was Orgetorix and what was his plan?
2. How did the Helvetii react to Orgetorix’s plan and what was the outcome for Orgetorix?
3. What was the next move for the Helvetii?
4. Who was Ariovistus? Dumnorix?
5. Briefly describe the ongoing conflict between Caesar and Ariovistus and the outcome.
6. Later in Book I, where does Caesar send the Helvetians after he defeats them? (A real AP question on last year’s exam!)

DBG Book 4
1. Who were the Suevi and what were they like? Where do they live?
2. How did Caesar attack the enemy camp? Did he win?
3. Why did Caesar decide to cross the Rhine?
4. What did the barbarians do when they saw Caesar approaching?
5. What was unique about the enemy’s use of chariots in battle?
6. Do you think Caesar’s Britain campaign was successful or not?

DBG Book V
1. Who was Dumnorix?
2. Describe the appearance and the lifestyle of the British people.
3. Who are Cotta and Sabinus? Describe their conflict with one another.
4. What happened to Cotta and Sabinus after their decision was met?
5. Who is Cicero?

DBG Book VI
1. Why did Caesar decide to cross the Rhine again at this point?
2. What type of social class do the Gauls have?
3. What are the main beliefs/practices of the Druids?
4. Describe the attitude of Romans towards the Germans.
5. How did fortune favor Ambiorix?

DBG Book VII
1. What do the leader of Gaul plot to do while Caesar is away?
2. What does Caesar do when he finds out what is going on?
3. How did Vercingetorix plan to defeat the Romans?
4. How does he entice the others to join him?
5. How does the conflict with Vercingetorix end?
Aeneid Book I

1. Why is the first line of the entire Aeneid symbolic? What does it show about Aeneas and Vergil?
2. Why does Juno cherish Carthage so much?
3. How does Juno disrupt Aeneas’ journey?
4. How does Venus help Aeneas?
5. What major prophecy does Jupiter give?
6. Who fills Aeneas in on the details of Dido and the Carthaginians?

Aeneid Book II:

1. Who tries to warn the Trojans about the horse and how?
2. What event does Aeneas witness in the palace? What does this remind him of?
3. How does Anchises react to leaving? What finally convinces him?
4. In your opinion, do you think Aeneas should have left Troy or stayed?
5. Which person, close to Aeneas, doesn’t survive the fall of Troy?
6. Who does Aeneas rescue when Troy falls?

Aeneid Book IV:

1. What “bargain” do Juno and Venus strike and why?
2. Who is Iarbas and what does he do to disrupt Dido/Aeneas in Carthage?
3. Who is Mercury and what does he explain to Aeneas?
4. How does Dido react to Aeneas’ departure? What does she do as a result?
5. Who is Anna?
6. Do you think Aeneas should have left Dido?

Aeneid Book VI

1. Where do the Trojans land?
2. Describe the encounter between Aeneas and Sibyl.
3. What must Aeneas do before he goes to the Underworld? How does he do it?
4. Whom do Aeneas and the Sibyl find in the “Groves of Blessedness?” What is he doing and what does he show/tell them?
5. How do Aeneas and the Sibyl leave the Underworld?

Aeneid Book VIII:

1. Who is Turnus?
2. What happens in Aeneas’ prophetic dream and why is this significant?
3. What favor does Venus ask of Vulcan? What is their relationship?
4. Who is Mezentius and whose side is he on?
5. Why is Romulus mentioned towards the end of this book?
6. What are biremes?
Aeneid Book XII:

1. What do Turnus and Aeneas agree to do to try to end the war?
2. Describe the final battle between Turnus and Aeneas.
3. What concessions does Juno finally give?
4. Why does Aeneas not relent and pity Turnus?
5. What impression of Aeneas are you left with?