

Pioneer Valley High School English 2 Honors Summer Assignment

Dear Class of 2025:

Congratulations on choosing to challenge yourself next year by taking English 2 Honors. The purpose of English 2 Honors is to continue to prepare you for AP classes and college. This course is rigorous and requires a deep commitment to your own education. This class is not just about what grade you earn, but what you learn. Your English 2 Honors teacher will be working with you toward your goals.

You will be tested on your summer assignment during the first few weeks of school. The summer assignment is the same no matter who your teacher is for English 2 Honors.

Assignment I: Get to know the Greeks

- You will be tested on your knowledge the most common Greek allusions. Please see the list below. Study for these in any manner you deem fit. You may already be familiar with many of them. If not, spend some time doing some research. The *Percy Jackson* series is a great place to start if you like learning through reading. If you've already read those and want more of a challenge, *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey* are great too. You might want to create flashcards. **We will not be collecting anything for this.** All you need to do is know them. You will take a matching test on them during the first few weeks of school. For example, the answer might be "goddess of love." Can you match that answer with the right name?

Assignment II: Subject and Verb

- You need to be able to identify the subject(s) and verb(s) in a sentence. This is a basic skill that many of you have mastered, but many have not. All our grammar instruction is based on it. Knowing this will give you a solid head start. If you haven't already, consider memorizing the 23 helping verbs. You can find great resources on the internet; just search for subject and verb practice. YouTube also has tutorials if you need a video review. I've also created an optional practice class on No Red Ink. Go to: noredink.com/join/curly-mouse-92 or log into your existing account on No Red Ink and add the class with the key: curly mouse 92.
- There are two sets of review activities. If you feel like grammar is not your strong suit, start with the "skills building" nouns and verbs practice. Then, you can move on to the second set, identifying subjects and verbs. Remember, this practice is optional. I've provided it as help, but feel free to skip it if you feel confident about your skills. **We will not be collecting anything for this.** You will take a subject and verb pre-test in the first weeks of school.

If you need help in any way, please email me at khays@smjuhsd.org I only check my email every once in a while over the summer, but I will get back to you. I'm happy to help, so please feel free to contact me. I'm looking forward to working with you next year to help you on your journey to success.

Sincerely,

Katherine Hays

English 2 Honors Teacher, Pioneer Valley High School

Assignment I Details: Greek Allusions List– know these. You will be tested on them during the first two weeks of school. The test will be matching.

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| 1. Achilles | 14. Harpies | 27. Pan |
| 2. Adonis | 15. Helen | 28. Pandora |
| 3. Aphrodite | 16. Hephaestus | 29. Poseidon |
| 4. Apollo | 17. Hera | 30. River Styx & Charon |
| 5. Ares | 18. Hercules | 31. Sirens |
| 6. Artemis | 19. Hermes | 32. Sisyphus |
| 7. Athena | 20. Hestia | 33. The Furies |
| 8. Centaurs & Satyrs | 21. Hydra | 34. The Graces |
| 9. Cerberus | 22. Medusa | 35. The Muses |
| 10. Cupid and Psyche | 23. Midas | 36. The Underworld |
| 11. Cyclops | 24. Mt. Olympus | 37. Trojan War & Trojan Horse |
| 12. Demeter and Persephone | 25. Narcissus | |
| 13. Hades | 26. Orpheus and Eurydice | |