

Year 12 Reading List

The following is a reading list covering Biblical and Classical Civilizations, from creation through to the fall of the Roman Empire (AD 323). The books listed represent the finest selection of classical literature and history of the period.

General World History

The History of the Ancient World: From the Earliest Accounts to the Fall of Rome by Susan Wise Bauer (800 pgs). Complete and thorough account of the time period.

Primary History and Literature Reading (in order)

Epic of Gilgamesh

The Codes of Hammurabi

The Iliad by Homer

The Odyssey by Homer

Aeschylus I

Sophocles 1

Euripides I

Histories by Herodotus

The History of the Peloponnesian War by Thucydides

Last Days of Socrates by Plato

The Republic by Plato

Aristotle, *On Poetics*

Caesar's Commentaries on the Gallic and Civil Wars by Julius Caesar

Aeneid by Virgil

Early History of Rome by Livy (books 1-5)

Ovid *Metamorphosis*

The Twelve Caesars by Suetonius or just Augustus, Nero, Julius, Claudius, Tiberius

Plutarch's Lives, ed. A. Clough

Tacitus, *Annals*

Supplemental Reading

The Bible, the Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy and Numbers)

Heroes of the City of Man by Peter Leithart. Analysis for Homer and Virgil. Recommended.

Till We Have Faces by C.S. Lewis. Retelling of the Greek myth of Cupid and Psyche.

History of Art by H.W. Janson. Art of the classical world.

Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*

Reading Guide

This year's reading will be approached as an integrated Humanities course. This will allow students to read from a selection of books simultaneously and gain a deeper perspective and appreciation of the classical world and its impact on the foundations of modern history.

Wk	General	Primary	Secondary
1	Bauer, Part 1, ch. 1-3	Genesis	City of Man
2	Ch. 4-6	Iliad 1-5	City of Man
3	Part II, 7-9	Iliad 6-10	City of Man
4	Part II, 10-12	Iliad 11-15	Gilgamesh
5	Part II, 13-15	Iliad 16-20	Gilgamesh
6	Part II, 16-18	Iliad 21-24	Codes of Hammurabi
7	Part III, 19-21	The Odyssey 1-6	Till We Have Faces
8	Part III, 22-24	The Odyssey 7-12	Till We Have Faces
9	Part III, 25-27	The Odyssey 13-18	Till We Have Faces
10	Part III, 28-30	The Odyssey 19-24	Till We Have Faces
11	Part III, 31-33	Histories, Herodotus	The Peloponessian War
12	Part III, 34-36	Histories, Herodotus	The Peloponessian War
13	Part III, 37-39	Histories, Herodotus	The Peloponessian War
14	Part III, 40-42	Histories, Herodotus	The Peloponessian War
15	Part IV, 43-45	Histories, Herodotus	The Peloponessian War
16	Part IV, 46-48	Aeschylus: Oresteia	The Republic
17	Part IV, 49-51	Sophocles: Theban Trilogy	The Republic
18	Part IV, 52-54	Euripides Ion, and The Women of Troy	The Republic
19	Part IV, 55-57	Euripides Helen and Bacchae	Aristotle: Nicomachean Ethics (7.0.3)
20	Part IV, 58-60	Last Days of Socrates: Euthyphro, Apology and Crito	Aristotle: Nicomachean Ethics
21	Part IV, 61-63	Last Days of Socrates: Phaedo	Aristotle: Poetics
22	Part IV, 64	Janson, ch. 1	Janson, ch. 2
23	Part V, 66-67	Janson, ch. 3	Janson, ch. 4
24	Part V, 68-69	Janson, ch. 5	Janson, ch. 6-7

25	Part V, 70-71	Livy I	Plutarch's Lives
26	Part V, 72-73	Livy I	Plutarch's Lives
27	Part V, 74-75	Livy II	Caesar Gaelic Wars
28	Part V, 76-77	Livy III	Caesar Gaelic Wars
29	Part V, 78	Livy IV - V	Caesar: Civil War
30	Part V, 79	Aeneid 1-4	Caesar: Civil War
31	Part V, 80	Aeneid 5-8	Ovid and Latin Poetry
32	Part V, 81	Aeneid 9-12	Ovid and Latin Poetry
33	Part V, 82	Suetonius 1-2	Julius Caesar
34	Part V, 83	Suetonius 3-5	Julius Caesar
35	Part V, 84	Suetonius 6-12	Julius Caesar
36	Part V, 85	Tacitus, Annals	Tacitus, Annals