



Christian Heritage School – Trumbull, CT
2021 Required Summer Reading for Honors World Civilization I

In order to prepare for the course, students are required to read the following works. It is highly recommended that students take notes as they read (bring these to class as well as the texts) in order to be better engaged in class discussion.

Work #1

The Epic of Gilgamesh, translated by Maureen Kovacs; published by Stanford University Press
ISBN: 0804717117

- In addition to discussing this work in class, you will submit a 600-800 word, typed, double-spaced paper that addresses the following question:
- How does this ancient text understand the issue of humanity? (Be sure to give evidence/examples from the epic to support your points.) What does the text seem to say about what it means to be "human"?
- To help you answer this question, be sure to read the introduction, as it will also help you to better understand the story.
- This paper will be due on the first full day of class. Failure to submit the paper at this time may result in dismissal from the course.

Work #2

A Student's Guide to the Study of History by John Lukacs
ISBN: 1882926412

- There is no written assignment for this text, but you should take notes and bring them with you to school. (There will be a quiz on this work sometime during the first two weeks of school.)
- Please note: These works are both available at www.amazon.com at reasonable used book rates as well as from former honors students.