

## SEVENTH GRADE SUMMER READING 2024

Complete the following two assignments to turn in on the first day of school.

1. Each student will read Parts I-II of The Golden Fleece: and the Heroes Who Lived Before Achilles by Padraic Colum (ISBN 978-0689868849). The class will be discussing this book in preparation for the study of ancient literature.

Please compose a paragraph, to be handed in the first day of class, with the following information:

- Title •
- Author
- A brief summary of the plot (5-7 sentences)

• A description of three main characters in the book (2-3 sentences per character)

One-two sentences telling whether or not the student would recommend the book to other readers, and why or why not

The paper may be typed or neatly handwritten using **black or blue ink only**.

The following criteria will be used to grade this assignment:

a. The student's name appears in the top left corner of the paper. (2) points)

- b. The paper summarizes the plot. (10 points)
- c. The paper contains a description of three main characters. (9 points)
- d. The paper contains three sentences telling whether or not the student would recommend the book, and why or why not. (6 points)
- e. The paper is typed or neatly handwritten using black or blue ink and includes the pledge of integrity. (5 points)
- f. Correct spelling and capitalization are used. (3 points)

Students should affirm the integrity of their work by writing the following pledge on this assignment and signing it:

## I have read part I and II of this book, and all written work is my own.

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2. Each student will also complete the online keyboarding course at www.typing.com. We are asking that students complete the course and turn in a 1-minute and 3-minute test result on the first day of school. To become proficient at typing, students should be spending at least 15 minutes three times a week working towards completing the course and proficiency in typing (20-30 words per minute with 90% accuracy.)