

**Middle School Summer Reading List**  
**Holy Cross of San Antonio**  
**Grade 7**

**Book titles:** *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan  
*King of Shadows* by Susan Cooper

Books are available at any bookstore or at the public library.

**Due date:** Portfolio due on first day of school. Students should be ready to discuss books in class the first day of school.

**Portfolio:** Students will include the following in their portfolio to turn in on the first day of school. Students should put their portfolio project in a folder clearly marked with their name and grade.

Book 1: *The Lightning Thief*

- Complete worksheet on the gods (on back)
- Based on your reading, choose an ancient god, research it and write a one-page character summary about the god.
- **Include a copy of your article or research with your summary.**
  - Students can use the World Book Encyclopedia as a source. Students registered at Holy Cross can access the World Book Encyclopedia online by using their password.

\*\*\*All writing should be typed, 12-point, double-spaced.

Book 2: *King of Shadows*

- Research one aspect of Shakespearean theatre (The Globe Theatre, how boys played girls' roles, the kinds of plays Shakespeare wrote) and write a one-page essay describing it.
- **Include a copy of your article or research with your summary.**

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## Olympian Gods Activity Sheet

1. Zeus's Roman name was \_\_\_\_\_ or Jove. The King of the Gods symbols were the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ tree and the \_\_\_\_\_. Zeus's shield was called the \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Juno's Greek name was \_\_\_\_\_. Her bird was the \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Poseidon / Neptune was the god of the \_\_\_\_\_, whose symbols were \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Hades/Pluto was the god of the \_\_\_\_\_ whose fruit was the \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Athena's Roman name was \_\_\_\_\_; she was the goddess of the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; her symbols were the \_\_\_\_\_, olive \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. She made the first \_\_\_\_\_ for man to use on the horse.

7. Diana's Greek name was \_\_\_\_\_; she was the goddess of \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_; her symbols were the moon, \_\_\_\_\_, silver \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Apollo was the god of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. His symbols were the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ tree.

9. Aphrodite's Roman name was \_\_\_\_\_; she was the goddess of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; her symbols were the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Vulcan's Greek name was \_\_\_\_\_; he was the god of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; his symbols were the \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

11 Ares' Roman name was \_\_\_\_\_; as the god of war, his symbols were the \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

12. Mercury's Greek name was \_\_\_\_\_; he was the \_\_\_\_\_ god and held the office of the \_\_\_\_\_; the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were his symbols.