

Charles Finney English 11-12

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Summer Reading English 11 and 12

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Per Finney's president, Mr. VanLeeuwen, all high school students will read *Do Hard Things: A Teenage Rebellion Against Low Expectations*, by Alex Harris.

You can purchase the book in a bookstore, or Amazon. It is also available at many local libraries.

I will also upload this informational paper on the English 11, 12 website:

<https://sites.google.com/a/finneyschool.org/la-senora-perez/>

Keep the link to the class website for future use. My contact information is [pamelaknows@gmail.com](mailto:pamelaknows@gmail.com)

I will send periodic questions based on *Do Something Hard* throughout the summer. Please check your emails regularly. These are required assignments and will be graded.

Part 2 of summer reading:

The following three lists are literary allusions that are absolutely essential to learn for literature analysis and interpretation. Look up each term and write a brief explanation/definition (whichever applies).

Make your own table (whatever format works for you). This will have to be printed and brought to school in September. This information will be kept in your portfolio and be used for reference.

\*\*There will be a test of this information the first week of classes in September.

MYTHOLOGICAL ALLUSIONS

Write a brief description of each. You will need to be familiar with the story behind each name.

Achilles' heel

Adonis

Aeolian –

Apollo

Argus-eyed—

Athena/Minerva –

Atlantean –

Aurora –

Bacchanal –

Bacchanalian

Calliope –

Cassandra –

Centaur –

Chimera

Cupidity –

Halcyon –

Hector –

Helen (of Troy) –

Herculean –

Hydra-Headed –

Iridescent –

Jovial –

Lethargy –

Martial-

Medea-

Mentor-

Mercurial -

Mercury/Hermes-

Mnemonics –

Morphine –

Muse –

Narcissism –

Nemesis -

Neptune -

Odyssey -

Olympian -

Pandora's Box –

Pegasus -

Phoenix -

Plutocracy -

Promethean -

Psyche -

Pygmalion –

Pyrrhic victory-

Saturnalia -

Saturnine -

Tantalize-

Titanic -

Volcanoes –

Zeus –

#### ALLUSIONS FROM LITERATURE:

Directions are same as above

Babbitt –

Bumble –

Cinderella –

Don Juan –

Don Quixote

Frankenstein -

Friday-

Galahad-

Jekyll and Hyde –

Lilliputian –

Malapropism -

Milquetoast -

Pickwickian -

Pollyanna -

Quixotic -

Robot -

Rodomontade -

Scrooge -

Simon Legree -

Svengali -

Tartuffe -

Uncle Tom -

Uriah Heep -

Yahoo

#### Biblical Allusions

Be familiar with the following to the point you can relate the story verbally and in written form.

Creation

Adam and Eve

Cain and Abel

David and Goliath

Moses (birth to the promised land)

Abraham and Isaac

Tower of Babel

Jonah and the Whale

Samson and Delilah

Solomon

Job

Joseph and the Coat of Many Colors

Armageddon

Daniel in the Lion's Den

Elijah

Jezebel

Sodom and Gomorrah

**Birth of Jesus**

**Lazarus**

**Last Supper**

**Crucifixion and Resurrection**

**Doubting Tomas**

**Parable of the Prodigal Son**

**John the Baptist**

**Judas**

**Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse**