

### **Summer Assignments**

In the summer before my freshmen year of HS, I learned that I had to read 8 books in preparation for school that year. The task was daunting to me at the time, but also proved to be an eye opening moment for me. Some of the books, which I had to read that summer, are still my favorites today. I've been a 'reader' ever since. I hope you can also glean the same excitement I did that year.

As young Classicists, you must hold yourself to higher a standard. You have the unenviable job of keeping Latin and the illustrious history of Rome alive. The books, assigned to you below, are not difficult to read or even completely foreign subjects to you. However, these texts will reveal a new world of intrigue and excitement to your repertoire of knowledge. The first page is always the most difficult, so don't hesitate. This book will not hurt your vacation or ruin the beach for you.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the titles or the assignment.

### **Honors Latin**

*alea iacta est!* When Caesar crossed the Rubicon River with an army, he declared war on Rome. In this book, Tom Holland takes you on a journey through the world of Rome's most famous civil War. Often called Caesar's War, the Civil War between Caesar and Pompey was devastating for the people and government of Rome. Many argue that this war changed the entire world for a long time as it marked the end of Republic and the beginning of the Principate (Empire). Tom Holland takes you through the Civil War and all its ups and downs. Though this book is a nonfiction piece, Mr. Holland creates an amazing story. I hope you enjoy the many twists and turns the great men of Rome endure.

- 1) Read *Rubicon* by Tom Holland. You can find the book on [Amazon](#)
- 2) Write a 2 page essay describing either how Caesar won or why Pompey lost the Civil War

### **Optional Reading - These are great books to read if you have time**

*Augustus* - John Williams; *Gates of Fire: an Epic Novel of the Battle of Thermopylae* - Steven Pressfield; *Pax Romana* - Adrian Goldsworthy

