**Great Neck North High School**

**English Department**

**9th Grade Summer Reading Assignment**

This summer you are required to read selected chapters from Edith Hamilton’s *Mythology* and several additional selected texts. These additional texts are available on the Great Neck North High School English Department website (gnnhsenglish.weebly.com). All reading is to be completed before your first day of school. Within the first few days of school, all English 9 students will have a summer reading assessment. The writing assignments below will assist you in preparing for your assessment.

**You must bring Edith Hamilton’s *Mythology* and the English 9 Summer Reading Packet with you on the first day of school.**

We look forward to an exciting year!

**Reading Assignments:**

1. **The English 9 Summer Reading Packet found on the school’s website (gnnhsenglish.weebly.com)**
2. **Mythology:** Be sure to read the following chapters/myths in Edith Hamilton’s *Mythology*.

* “Introduction to Classical Mythology”
* “The Mythology of the Greeks”
* “The Greek and Roman Writers of Mythology”
* The Flower Myths: “Narcissus,” “Hyacinth,” and “Adonis”
* “Cupid and Psyche”
* “Pyramus and Thisbe”
* “Daedalus”
* “Hercules”

**Writing Assignments:**

1. Annotate each piece of required literature mentioned above. This means you should take notes either directly in the margins of the stories or on separate sheets of paper. Annotations may include interpretations, opinions, observations, and questions about the text. Bring these with you to class.
2. In a journal or on separate sheets of paper, please respond to the following questions for each text you’ve read:

**1. What moral, lesson, or theme is conveyed in the text?**

**2. Provide *at least* one example that supports your response to question 1.**

All annotations and written responses to texts are ***DUE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL***.