

## AP Latin Summer Assignment

The AP Latin course focuses on Virgil's *Aeneid* and Caesar's *De Bello Gallo*. Students are required to know the contents of both works of literature and be able to translate and comment upon their contents. During the course of the school year, the class will focus on the original transcripts, rhetorical devices, historical milieu, and vocabulary. In order to prepare for discussion and FRQs about what will be read, students must have a solid command of the story itself.

Therefore, students must accomplish the following before class begins in August:

- Secure a copy of the translation of Caesar's *De Bello Gallo* (English translation). Copies may be found online or for purchase. Students may use copies that are found below or may use copies that they find.
  - **De Bello Gallo:** <http://classics.mit.edu/Caesar/gallic.html>
- Read in English.
- Write a synopsis for *De Bello Gallo* (8 books). The synopsis should include the following:
  - Written synopsis of the “story”.
  - List of characters and places - You do not need to identify the characters and places at this time; we will work on that during the school year. But your list must be in place. Of course, any work you do to fill in the gaps now will eliminate a measure of what needs to be done in the school year.
  - Therefore, each book will have a written synopsis, followed by a character list (for that book). For example: When you've read Book I of the *De Bello Gallo*, you will have a document entitled *De Bello Gallo: Book I*; followed by a written synopsis; followed by a list of characters found in Book I. Then, do the same for Book II and so forth.
- Format:
  - The synopsis can be written on lined college ruled paper (3 hole punched) or may be done in a .doc format on a computer or iPad.
  - Set the margins to have your text on the left half; this leaves the right half for marginal notes that may be added to later.
  - Be neat and methodical. The easier you make it for you to read, the better the tool will be for you during the AP Latin Course.

It is estimated that each book synopsis will take about 1-1.5 hours to accomplish (depending upon how fast you read/write).

This multi-page document will be due when you come to class in the Fall.