



The Thomas Hardy School

Summer Preparation Task

A Level Classical Civilisation

Purpose of task:

To understand some of the Greek myths that have influenced the texts we will be studying at A Level.

Task:

You should make notes on:

- The War between the Titans and the Olympians
- The Judgement of Paris
- The Trojan War

A lot has been written about these myths, so it is important to select only the key points.

Once you have researched these myths, it is then up to you how you present the information – perhaps on a poster, leaflet, as a comic strip, or simply an A4 page of notes.

Recommended resources:

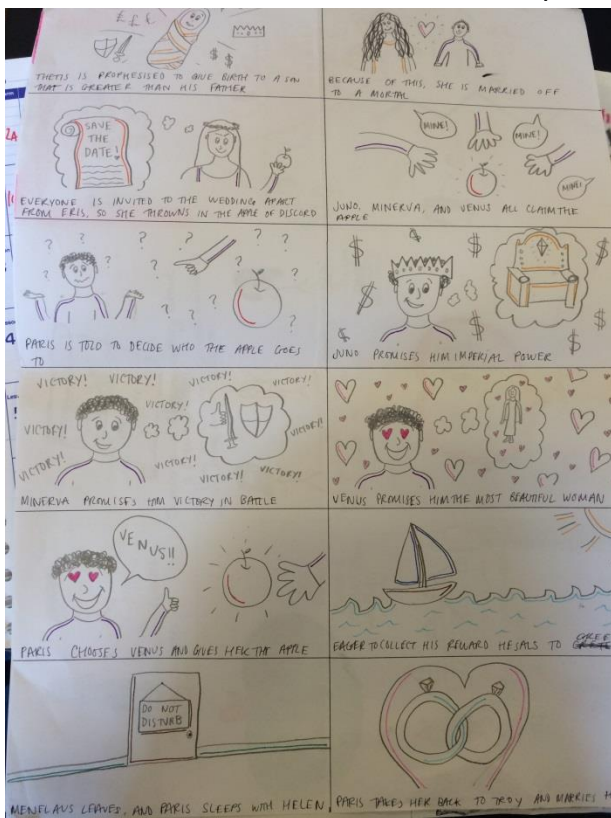
You will need to buy a copy of the *Odyssey*, as this is one of the core texts studied at A Level. We will be studying the Penguin Classics translation (ISBN: 0140449116).

The Penguin Book of Classical Myths by Jenny March (ISBN: 0141020776) provides an entertaining summary of the myths that we will be studying across Year 12 and 13.

Summaries of the Trojan War myths can be found online.

The film *Troy* is also worth watching (although it is not entirely accurate on several points).

Additional information: Below is an example of a comic strip showing the Judgement of Paris



Recommended reading & activities list:

It would be **helpful** to read *The Iliad* by Homer (ISBN: 0140447946). **This is not essential, though.** We will be studying the 'sequel' – the *Odyssey*. This is one of the A Level texts that you will study. You will receive information about the other units and texts in September.

Deadline for Task: First lesson in week commencing 11th September 2017