Cambridge High School
AP Latin
Summer Reading

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General Information
Students in AP Latin will read two primary sources throughout the school year: Publius Vergilius Maro's *Aeneid* and Gaius Julius Caesar's *De Bello Gallico*. The *Aeneid* is a prime example of Latin epic poetry and *De Bello Gallico* is an excellent work of commentary, a common form of prose in ancient Roman culture. In his *Aeneid* Vergil tells of the travels, hardships, and divinely ordained quest of Aeneas to flee the destruction of Troy in order to found a new nation, from which would ultimately spring Rome itself. In his *De Bello Gallico* Caesar reports to the Roman people his successful conquest of Gallia and his exploits into Britannia and Germania.

In addition to translating selected portions of each work, students in AP Latin will read more extended sections translated in English in order to gain a fuller understanding of the overarching context of each work. The *Aeneid* is divided into two main parts, consisting of six books each. *De Bello Gallico* is comprised of seven books. Over the summer months students will **read Book One of both works and be prepared for a multiple choice and short answer quiz during the first month of school when we discuss Book One of each work.**

Recommended texts
Students are encouraged to purchase their own copies of each work in English and in Latin.

Latin:
Caesar: Selections from his Commentarii De Bello Gallico by Hans-Freidrich Mueller
Vergil's Aeneid: Selected Readings from Books 1, 2, 4, and 6 by Barbara Weiden Boyd

English:
The Aeneid translated by Robert Fagles
Caesar: The Gallic War by Carolyn Hammond

As these both are classics, English versions are readily available online should students prefer.
Aeneid: https://www.poetryintranslation.com/PITBR/Latin/VirgilAeneidI.php
De Bello Gallico: http://classics.mit.edu/Caesar/gallic.html

Moreover, an English translation of the required readings in *De Bello Gallico* is included in the Latin text recommended above.