

Dear Incoming Sophomores,

Please find below the instructions and links that you need in order to complete the Core 10 summer assignments we are going to discuss during our zoom meeting tomorrow Friday, June 5th at 10am. The deadline for all assignments is August 15th.

Thank you and have a great summer!

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1. Mr. Demail's assignment (Social Institutions at odemail@corebaby.org): EUROPEAN MAP

Test and improve your knowledge of European geography using the link below. You should be ready to take a geoquiz on Europe upon your return in August. Make sure you learn the names of the countries, their capital cities and the bodies of water present on this interactive map: http://www.yourchildlearns.com/europe_map_smaller.htm

2. Mr. Posito's assignment (Literature at rposito@corebaby.org): ESSAY

The book:

Because you will be reading Oedipus the King for the summer assignment and Mr. Posito will be using the book in our opening unit, we highly encourage you to buy your own paper copy. The translation you should purchase is by Paul Roche and if you decide not to purchase the book, you can also use any online version of the text. Oedipus The King is part of the book bundle. If you do not purchase the book bundle, you can use any online version of the text. We just need you to have a clear understanding of the sequence of events that unfold in the play. When you are quoting from the play, please put the quotations inside of quotation marks and use parenthetical notation of author's name and page number at the end of the sentence (Example: (Sophocles 24)).

TurnItIn information:

You will turn in your essay on TurnItIn.com, so any form of plagiarism will be flagged and will result in disciplinary action. The teachers want to know your thoughts and assess your writing ability. This assignment will be used as an assessment tool, so we are less concerned about the content of your essay as we are about you expressing your ideas and conclusions about the work.

Class ID#: 25058818

Enrollment Key: Oedipus

Essay Instructions and prompt:

Greek society debated the idea of a cosmic order, a universe guided by a divine intelligence, and rationality that governs the universe. In a five paragraph essay, examine Oedipus the King, evaluating the view of cosmic order held by Sophocles and the characters in the play. The body paragraphs of your essay should answer the following three questions, supported by textual evidence.

1. Do the gods seem tyrannical, benevolent, just, cruel, or indifferent or combination of those approaches?
2. Does the play reflect reverence or irreverence toward the gods?
3. When you finish reading the play, what do you believe Sophocles' view of cosmic order encompasses?

In conclusion, provide your view of the cosmic order. Is the universe guided by a divine intelligence, or are randomness and chaos the guiding forces of the universe?