



HILL TOP
Preparatory School

Summer 2020

Dear 7th Grade Parents,

This summer, the students heading into the 7th grade will be assigned *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan. This book was chosen because the 7th grade will be taking ancient history in the fall and *The Lightning Thief's* plot involves Greek mythology.

On the next page of this document, you will find the reading guide that should be given to your child. It gives a very brief description of the book and provides instructions on the writing assignment that corresponds to the book. Basically, we are asking that each student answer all the questions from the reading guide. Each question's response should be a paragraph long. The answers are due on September 15th.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at mcohen@hilltopprep.org.

Sincerely,

Mike Cohen
Middle School Division Head

The Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan

Percy Jackson is about to be kicked out of boarding school...again, and that's the least of his troubles. Lately, mythological monsters and the gods of Mount Olympus seem to be walking straight out of the pages of Percy's Greek mythology textbook and into his life. And worse, he's angered a few of them. Zeus's master lightning bolt has been stolen, and Percy is the prime suspect.

Now Percy and his friends have just ten days to find and return Zeus's stolen property and bring peace to a warring Mount Olympus. But to succeed on his quest, Percy will have to do more than catch the true thief: he must come to terms with the father who abandoned him; solve the riddle of the Oracle, which warns him of betrayal by a friend; and unravel a treachery more powerful than the gods themselves.

From www.amazon.com

Student Assignment

Write a paragraph for each of the four questions asked from this book.

1. Using five examples from the book, explain how Percy gains respect from those around him.
2. Percy has been diagnosed with ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder). Somebody with ADHD may be described as someone who has an inability to sustain attention on tasks or activities. Additionally, he would fidget and blurt out comments or act without thinking. Does this profile fit Percy? Explain how Percy does/does not seem like child with ADHD using four examples from the book. Be sure to remain consistent. You should either give reasons he does or does not seem like he has ADHD.
3. What emotions did this book bring about? Give three emotions, using at least three examples from the book.
4. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not? Give three examples from the book that supports your answer.