

Dear Seventh-Grade Parents:

Welcome to the Omnibus I class and Upper School! I am looking forward to the year ahead and the opportunity to delve into some truly exciting literature with our students. In order to prepare them for the first few weeks of school, seventh-grade students are required to read the following book this summer:

*The Epic of Gilgamesh* by Geraldine McCaughrean

This is available at the Chesapeake and Virginia Beach libraries. (The Gilgamesh book has the title *Gilgamesh the Hero* on the book cover.) Each student will write a one-paragraph summary of each chapter of *Gilgamesh*. This summary should be written as follows:

1. Use lined loose-leaf paper **only**; no hanging chads, please.
2. Each student should write his or her name and the date.
3. Include the title or number of the chapter for each summary, using a new page for each chapter.
4. Include the **major** events of each chapter. These don't need to be elaborate – just enough so that someone who has not read the book will understand what has occurred.
5. Write neatly and legibly, using cursive handwriting.
6. This assignment is due on the first day of school.

Chapter Three

Student's Name    Date

The goddess Ishtar fell in love with Gilgamesh and wanted to marry him. Gilgamesh said no, because he knew what had happened to all the other men Ishtar had ever loved – they were eventually killed or put under some sort of curse or spell. When he refused, Ishtar became furious. She begged her father to send the Bull of Heaven to kill Gilgamesh.

If you have any questions, you may call me before 9 pm at 503-6161, or e-mail me at [mdart@veritasca.com](mailto:mdart@veritasca.com)

Blessings,

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