



HUMANITIES ~ ENGLISH 1503 / MRS. FLYNN
~READING ASSIGNMENT~

Students who have registered to take the Humanities course are required to read *The Iliad* by Homer before the start of the semester. Read a verse translation only (written as poetry), not prose (written in paragraphs). The translation in our class anthology is by Stanley Lombardo, but any 20th or 21st century scholarly translation is fine.

You may borrow the book from a library, but actually buying your own copy is more practical because you can make notations as you read, and you will use this as a primary source for an in-class writing assignment early in the semester. Do not wait to begin looking for a copy; plan ahead now. A paperback/softbound edition will cost less than \$15.

The Iliad is the story of the ancient battle between the Greeks and the Trojans, and it was the inspiration for the value system on which the Greeks based their classical civilization. In addition to being a solid foundation for our studies, we will see the story of *The Iliad* resonate throughout the Western literature tradition.

Stop by to see me in 263 with any questions or concerns.