

Summer Assignment: AP Latin IV

The AP Latin course requires you to read and be familiar with the entirety of Virgil's Aeneid in English. Therefore, you will need to acquire an English translation of the poem. There are many translations to choose from; some are more poetic and others are more prosaic. You will want to find a translation that suits your reading and learning style (I have included a few suggestions below, and you can find others online). Once you have chosen your translation, read Book 1. Be prepared to discuss how Virgil introduces the story and his hero, and how his portrayal of Aeneas differs from the heroes of other authors (e.g. Achilles, Odysseus, Beowulf).

Suggested Translations:

Robert Fagles (reprinted 2008)

Robert Fitzgerald (reissued 1990)

Allen Mandelbaum (reissued 1981)

Nota Bene: all of these are available for 99 cents on Kindle, so if you have a Kindle (or just a Kindle app) that might be an option. Also, Kindle typically offers free previews, so you can read a little of each translation before settling on your favorite. However, if you prefer having a paper copy to read and annotate, the translations above are all commonly used in classes and you could probably find them used at Half Price Books.