

## English 9/9 Honors

**Textbook: *Pearson Literature: The British Tradition*  
(ISBN 9780133268560)**

All students are required to read the following texts this summer: *The Epic of Gilgamesh*, *Noah's Flood*, and *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*. Each text will require a brief written response that will need to be printed and brought to class.

All summer work is due on the first day of class. Please have each of your paragraph responses printed at the time of class. *Points will be deducted if work is not submitted by the deadline, and you should be prepared to discuss the summer reading on the first day of school.* Please note that there will be tests on the readings in the first week of school.

**Read the following selections and then write a detailed paragraph in response to the questions beneath. Be sure to use textual evidence to explain your answers.**

### ***The Epic of Gilgamesh; Noah's Flood***

Gilgamesh: <http://www.ancienttexts.org/library/mesopotamian/gilgamesh/tab11.htm>

Noah's Flood: Genesis 6:5 – 9:17 (Any version of the Bible is acceptable.)

- a) Who is the hero of each story? How does he react to the flood announcement?
- b) Compare and contrast the gods in Gilgamesh with God in Genesis

### ***Sir Gawain and the Green Knight*** (pp.171-183 in the textbook)

Examine Sir Gawain as a hero. How does he succeed (or fail) in his quest? What does the text reveal about his character?