

Summer Reading Assignment  
English 9  
Summer 2010

This summer you are to:

- Read C.S. Lewis' *Till We Have Faces*, a retelling of the myth of Cupid and Psyche. Before reading the book it would be helpful to google (or find in a mythology book) a short summary of the myth of Cupid and Psyche so you are familiar with it before reading Lewis' version, told from the point of view of Psyche's older sister.
- Write 5 journal entries (1 page each, front and back) in a *composition book*, answering the questions below. These entries are informal; you may use first person and relate the issues to your own life/society, but be sure to answer each question *thoroughly*.

**Bring *Till We Have Faces* with you to class the first day—we will spend the first few weeks discussing and writing from this book.**

FIRST JOURNAL: Chapters 1-5: Orual tells us first thing that she writes this book as her charge against the gods—she believes they have dealt unfairly with her. What are the things she accuses the gods of? What kinds of occurrences or events cause people in *our* society to accuse God of being unfair?

SECOND JOURNAL: Chapters 6-10: How does the Bible define love, and does Orual's love for Psyche fit within this definition? Why or why not?

THIRD JOURNAL: Chapters 11-15: Was the castle that Orual saw in the mists real? If it wasn't real, why did she see it? What does it mean that she saw it? If it was real, why did it vanish? What does it mean that it vanished?

FOURTH JOURNAL: Chapters 16-20: How is the religion of Glome different from Christianity? How is it the same?

FIFTH JOURNAL: Chapters 21-22/Book 2 Chapters 1-2: How are Orual and Ungit the same? Discuss several different ways they are the same.