

## **AP/IB European History summer reading and homework**

**Note: deadline of July 1, 2008 at midnight**

Purchase the book *Sophie's World* by Jostein Gaarder and read the first 100 pages (or so, depending on your copy) through Plato. Do not read Aristotle. Answer the following questions in an email addressed to me at [calwood@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:calwood@pasco.k12.fl.us) It is the same on [gulfhigh.org](http://gulfhigh.org) in the teachers' email section on the left of the opening page. Due by midnight July 1, 2008 or you will receive late points of -10. If you do not do it, you start out with a 0; if you turn it in the first day of school, it is late points of -30. P.S. You will use this book again for Theory of Knowledge.

Warnings: 1) I am a former newspaper editor and I mark all spelling and grammar errors. Use spell check, re-read what you write and edit it. This is a life skill and establishes your character through your writing (think about it – messy, lazy, accurate, caring about how you look.....); 2) unless explicitly told to do so, DO NOT use first or second person. Good writing is in third person. (yes, number two below is an explicit direction to use first person); and 3) be sure to show analysis – Why? How? So what? – supported by specific examples in your writing. What does that mean? Here is an example for number two – “I like Demosthenes because he is cool.” Ack! You really do not say anything. Here’s what you should do – “I like Demosthenes because he.... as shown by his description of ... which set up .....” (If I give you the answer you could not do Demosthenes, and some of you will like him....)

1. How are the Greek philosophers influential and why do we study them in European history? (Warning, you will not find the answer explicitly in the reading. You must filter this out or find it implicitly in the reading – look up in a dictionary any words you don't know)
2. Who is your favorite classical Greek philosopher and why?
3. What does Plato's “Allegory of the Cave” mean? (It is not labeled the Allegory of the Cave, but if you look up the word allegory and you read Plato and his description of the cave.....)”