

## Mr. Edward Lake's Bio:



Edward Lake has been teaching for more than fifteen years; including seven years in Singapore and four years in Japan with the international schools, and one year in China at Nankai University in Tianjin. Edward has a BA in the Teaching of English, an MEd in Curriculum and Instruction, and an EdS in Educational Leadership. Edward has also been an Examiner for the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP) for more than ten years and has been a tutor to students from elementary to high school for more than twelve years.

## The Odyssey Summer Course (Grade 5) Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays 3:00-4:50pm

### Reading:

*The Odyssey* by Alfred J Church (and revised by Edward Lake)

*The Odyssey* is a classic Greek myth describing the return of Odysseus (also known as Ulysses) from the Trojan War and the many challenges he and his men have on this long journey home. This text is the second most famous of the Classics of the West and is full of many interesting characters whose choices and motivations provide excellent opportunity for discussion.

The Alfred J Church version of the *Odyssey* is by far the best version for students in grades 6-10. Most students find the original version of the *Odyssey* too challenging; however, this version is accessible, yet much more rigorous than modern adaptations.

Please click [here for an electronic copy of the Odyssey](#).

### Writing Skills:

We will be focusing on writing Character Journals for students to better understand the key events and the reaction to the events by the main characters.

### Vocabulary Content:

Latin and Greek Root Words Intensive. Please see the sample of the first theme:

## Theme 1: Love and Friendship

Prefix/root	Meaning	Examples
am, amic	love, friend	Amity Amiable Amicable Enamored
bene, ben, bon	good, well	Benevolent Benign
cand	white, pure	Candidate Candid Incandescent

cred	trust, believe	Incredulous Credibility
dign	worthy	Dignified Dignitary Indignant
gra, grat	pleasing, agreeable	Gracious Congratulate Gratuitous
fratern, fatri	brother	Fraternity Fraternize
path, pass	to feel or suffer	Compassion Empathy Pathos Pathetic Sympathetic
phil	love for	Philadelphia Philanthropist Philander Philosophy