



***The Catholic High School of Baltimore***  
**Summer Reading**

**Teacher's Name:** Mr. Wright

**School Year:** 2025-2026

**Grade Level:** 9

**Course No.:** 212/213

**Course Name:** World Civilizations

**Academic Level (AP/Honors/CP/Archangel):** CP/Archangel

**ASSIGNED READING**

***The Golden Bull: A Mesopotamian Adventure*** by Marjorie Cowley

“A brother and sister’s journey in search of a new life and home unfolds 5,000 years ago in ancient Mesopotamia, during a devastating drought. With no way to provide for them, their father sends fourteen-year-old Jomar and his younger sister Zefa to the city of Ur. Jomar begins an apprenticeship with Sidah, a master goldsmith at the temple of the moon god, but Zefa is left to fend for herself. Gifted with a natural talent for music, she survives by singing and playing in the streets. In this richly imagined historical novel, Marjorie Cowley brings to life the dangers, challenges, and intrigue of surviving in a distant and fascinating past.”—*from Amazon*

**ASSIGNMENT & ASSESSMENT**

Your assignment is to read ***The Golden Bull: A Mesopotamian Adventure*** by the first day of class.

There will be a class discussion and quiz on ***The Golden Bull: A Mesopotamian Adventure*** during the first two weeks of the new school year.

**CONTACT**

If you have any questions this summer, please reach out. My email address is [rwright@thecatholichighschool.org](mailto:rwright@thecatholichighschool.org).

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