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Subject: HEF GRANT APPLICATION Form Submission
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School Name: Hercules Middle School

Title of Project: Class Novel - Black Ships Before Troy: The Story of The Iliad

DonorsChoose Project ID number:

Project Duration or Start/End Dates: 1/17/2020-3/29/2020

Project Description: Sadly, our school library was never supplied with copies of a novel that our core curriculum, StudySync, includes for instruction. The novel in question is entitled Black Ships Before Troy: The Story of the Iliad by Rosemary Sutcliff.

In addition to being directly aligned with our curriculum and Common Core standards, this novel is of particular value to students at Hercules for these two reasons:

- 1.) It is a modern-language retelling of The Iliad, one of the two core "Classics" that are taught at the high school and collegiate level. (The other being The Odyssey.) Having background knowledge of this material will help students for most of the rest of their academic careers.
- 2.) It illuminates specific terms, names, and idioms from Greek mythology; that's something that should be of particular interest to any student growing up in a city literally named after the greek demigod Hercules.

Budget Description: The grant money will be spent directly on copies of the novel Black Ships Before Troy for our school library to use with the StudySync curriculum.

At an estimated \$8.79 per copy of the book, the grant would cover roughly 26 copies of the book, with the rest to be covered by school site funds and/or money out of the teacher's own pocket.

Amount requested:

Amount requested (other amount): \$250

DonorsChoose remaining balance at the time of completing this form:

Project Approved by the School Principal: yes

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