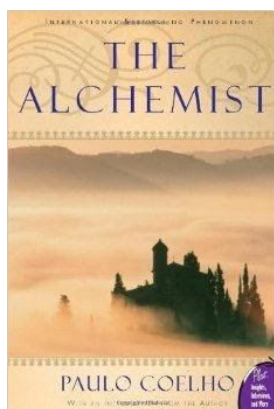


## 9th Grade Core Summer Reading 2020

All incoming 9th grade core students must read one required book and complete one assignment, due the first day of class.



### Required: *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

Santiago is a shepherd living in Andalusia, Spain. Troubled by a reoccurring dream, he consults a gypsy woman. She tells him that he must travel to Egypt and seek his fortune amidst the pyramids. He follows his dream and embarks on a journey across land and sea. He encounters several obstacles and meets some peculiar characters along the way. As a result of his journey, he learns the importance of following his dreams along with many other lessons.

**Please complete the assignment by answering the following questions:**

1. What are three words or phrases that describe Santiago's character? Include a quote for each that describes the trait.
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
2. Which character do you think had the greatest impact on Santiago's journey? Why?
  - a. Provide a quotation from the book that illustrates how this character impacted Santiago.
3. Santiago experiences many conflicts or problems on his journey.
  - a. Describe one *external* conflict that Santiago has with another person or with the environment.
  - b. Describe one *internal* conflict that Santiago has with himself.
4. According to the book, is it possible to have a meaningful and good life if you do not fulfill your personal legend? Why or why not? Answer in at least one complete paragraph.

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