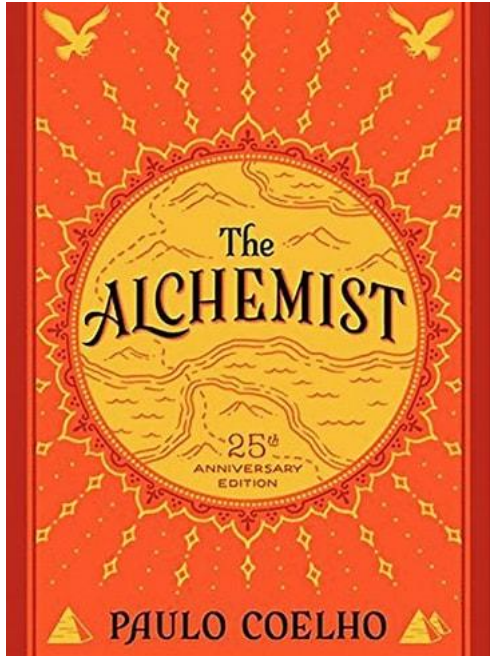


# The Alchemist



*Note: Obtain your own copy of the book and bring it to class on the first day of school.*

**Author:** Paulo Coelho

**Genre:** Novel

## While Reading ...

- Annotate the book.
- Keep a journal (hand-written or typed in a Google Doc). For each reading session, note the date and the amount of time spent reading. Provide a brief summary of the plot and character developments for that day's reading. Turn in the journal on the first day of school.

## Tips for Annotation ...

- Underline key words/phrases & memorable lines or passages. Make a note in the margin about why the passage or line stands out to you.
- Identify and define *all* unfamiliar words.
- Write questions in the margins about things you don't understand.
- Mark & comment on characters & ideas you find intriguing.
- Note the use of any literary devices & consider why they were used.
- Make connections to other texts, your life, your world, etc.

## Be Prepared To . . .

- Summarize the events of the novel.
- Participate in a Socratic discussion of the book with your peers.
- Compose a theme statement for the book.
- Identify textual evidence to support your theme statement.
- Learn how to incorporate the textual evidence.
- Cite textual evidence correctly.
- Write an in-class essay adhering to MLA format and meeting the expectations of a rubric.