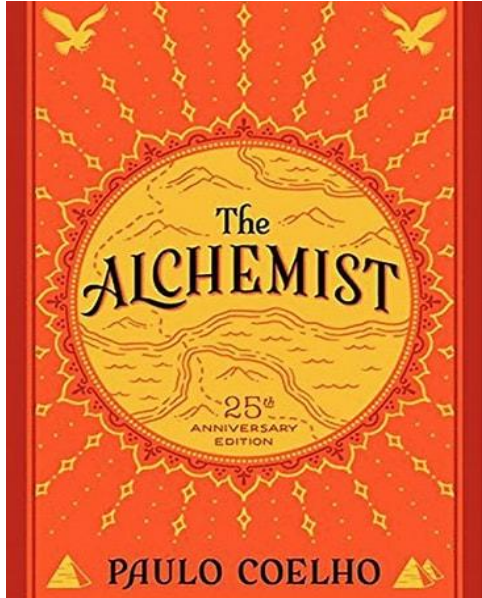


The Alchemist



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. Underline important & intriguing passages. Circle and define *all* unfamiliar words. Make notes in the margins: question, comment, connect.
- 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. **You will turn in your journal on the first day of school.**

After Reading ...

- Write a 250-word reflection about your reaction to the novel. This writing is informal. You may use first person. Your reflection should include a discussion of specific events in the novel that provoked a notable response. What did you love? What did you dislike? **You will turn in your reflection on the first day of school.**

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.