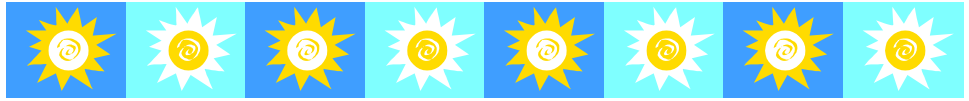


Falls Church High School  
Summer Reading Assignment  
Pre-AP English 9



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Congratulations on enrolling in Pre-AP English 9! Over the summer, you are responsible for completing the assignment detailed below. The project is due by the end of the first week of school. It is worth 150 points.

### Reading Assignment

Read *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. You may purchase your own copy at any bookstore, or you may borrow one from your public library.

### Project Guidelines



You will create a map that traces the hero's journey in the novel. As you read, identify 10 important locations in the story. These can be (but not limited to) places the protagonist visits, has a significant experience, meets someone important, or learns something new. On standard-size poster board, illustrate a map of his journey. You will need to do the following tasks:

1. Illustrate the 10 locations on the map. Locations should be drawn in appropriate places, based on details in the story. Maps do not need to be drawn to scale. *For example, if there is a forest immediately south of a mountain, don't draw the trees at the top of the map.*
  - a. You may hand-draw, use clip art, or cut images from magazines.
  - b. All pictures/images must be in color. All locations must be labeled.
2. For each location, you will write the following:
  - a. One paragraph (7-10 sentences) describing the location (appearance, protagonist's experience, people he meets, etc.) and explaining its significance in the hero's journey. The explanation may deal with the hero's character development, connection to themes, plot complications, etc.
  - b. Copy a passage from the novel (at least two sentences) to support your explanation. Do not use a description of the location! Include the page number(s).
  - c. All written work must be TYPED in a clear, readable font. Don't get fancy.

### Assessment Rubric

	Points
10 locations identified, labeled, and illustrated on the map	30
Written paragraph (7 points each)	70
Appropriate passage from the novel (2 points each)	20
Map is colorful and neat	10
Creativity, originality, effort	15
All written work typed in clear, readable font	5