

## Summer Reading

### Pre AP 9

For the following school year, all Pre-AP English 9 students will be reading The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho. Upon the first day of school, students will have been expected to have read the book in its entirety (there will be an exam shortly upon returning to school). They will also be expected to have a 3 to 4 page **final draft** completed over the following topic:

- 1) **Discuss** and **analyze** the intellectual, spiritual, and emotional growth of the protagonist within the novel. Explain what he is initially looking for, what he ends up finding, as well as what he learns along the way. Only focus on a **specific portion** of his journey instead of its entirety. Do NOT write a summary.

The final draft is worth 100 points and will need an introduction, body paragraphs, and a conclusion. If you have any questions, please email me at [tsmith@msdsc.us](mailto:tsmith@msdsc.us).

### **Rubric**

4 = Excellent, 3 = Good, 2 = Needs Improvement, 1 = Poor Quality, 0 = Not complete

Each category is worth 20 points.

1. The writing is clear, organized, and articulate.
2. The writing answers the topic question completely without major deviations.
3. The book is referenced multiple times and/or outside sources are used.
4. The writer shows understanding of the books major themes
5. The writers ideas are well thought out and supported with evidence and logical reasoning.