

2024 Summer Reading Assignment for Advanced English 10

In Advanced English 10 at Auburn High School, we study literature and look for connections among many varied texts. This summer you will begin this literary journey by reading Paulo Coelho's *The Alchemist*, keeping a dialectical journal (template follows these directions), and preparing for a reading test on your first day of your Advanced 10 English class.

Where Do I Find the Books?

- *The Alchemist* is available through our local bookstores, Auburn Oil Company and Well Red, or you can order copies online through any online bookseller. You may purchase a paper or a digital (Kindle, e-reader, etc.) version.
- The Auburn Public Library on East Thach Avenue has a few copies of the novel; however, if you check out a copy through the library, please be mindful that other students may want to check out a copy, too. Do not hold onto the borrowed book for the entire summer.

What Do I Need to Do?

1. READ the book! We suggest you focus on plot and character as you read.
2. Complete your **Dialectical Journal**. You may type into the journal, or you can print it out and handwrite your responses. You will need to have a printed copy of your completed journal with you on your first day of your Advanced 10 English class.
3. You will take a 50-point, multiple-choice/matching test over your comprehension of the novel on the first day of your English class. You may bring one 4" x 6" notecard with any HANDWRITTEN notes you took while you read. **NOTE:** The notecard may have notes written on **ONE SIDE only**.

Final Thoughts

- **Your test over *The Alchemist* will be given on the first day you have class with your English teacher.** For some of you that will be the first day of school. Remember that the school year always starts on a Blue Day. If you are not sure which day you will see your English teacher, bring your notecard and your journal on the first day of school just in case.
- Do not procrastinate. Secure a book and start reading now.
- Enjoy the book! ☺



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**Advanced English 10 Summer Reading Dialectical Journal for
Paulo Coelho's *The Alchemist***

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50 Test-Points

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Directions: Download this document into Word and save a copy. As you read *The Alchemist*, record quotations from the text that stand out to you in the following tables. You may type directly into the Word document, or you may print it out and handwrite your answers (enlarge the boxes if you plan to handwrite). Bring your printed, completed journal to your **first English class**.

Requirements:

- You must have **one quotation** for each section of assigned reading.
- You must **label each response** as C-Connection or R-Reflection.
 - **Connection (C)**—make a connection to your life or another text/film/song.
 - **Reflection (R)**—think deeply about what the passage means in a broad sense—not just about what it means to the character in the text. What conclusions can you draw about the world, about human nature, or about the way society works?
- See the strong student examples below.
- To receive full credit, every part of the table must be completed, and your response must be coherent, well written, and demonstrate effort and thought. Your completed journal is worth 50 test points.
- **You will turn in a paper copy of this document on your first day of Advanced 10 English at AHS.**

Quotation	Pg.	C or R	Example Student Response
"Everyone seems to have a clear idea of how other people should lead their lives, but none about his or her own."	18	R	In today's world everyone wants to be in each other's business. This ultimately leads to frustration and anger because we often believe that it is our right to know everything about those around us. We also feel it is our obligation to offer critique and disapproval of things we don't agree with, even though we rarely take a look in the mirror to try to improve ourselves.
"He never realized that people are capable, at any time in their lives, of doing what they dream of."	25	C	This passage really resonates with me now. As a sophomore, there are many opportunities and decisions in high school. I think that this year is a year where I can really try new things and find what my dreams are and what I want to do. We are all capable of achieving our goals and dreams.

Quotation Assignment 1: Part I Pages 1 -13

Quotation	Pg.	C or R	Your Response

Quotation Assignment 2: Part I Pages 14 – 27

Quotation	Pg.	C or R	Your Response

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Quotation Assignment 3: Part I Pages 27 - 50

Quotation	Pg.	C or R	Your Response

Quotation Assignment 4: Part II Pages 53 - 89

Quotation	Pg.	C or R	Your Response

Quotation Assignment 5: Part II Pages 89 - 132

Quotation	Pg.	C or R	Your Response

Quotation Assignment 6: Part II Pages 133 - 148

Quotation	Pg.	C or R	Your Response

Quotation Assignment 7: Part II Pages 148 - 157

Quotation	Pg.	C or R	Your Response

Quotation Assignment 8: Part II Pages 157-171

Quotation	Pg.	C or R	Your Response