



**B.E. Mays High School  
 ELA Department  
 2019 Summer Reading Initiative**

**AP Literature (12<sup>th</sup>) Texts and Post-Reading Assignment**

**Text:**

*The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

**Post-Reading Assignment**

To help you organize your thoughts about the novel and facilitate class discussion, complete the two-column journal below and respond to the **open essay prompt** afterwards. Regarding the two-column journal, you **MUST** make notes about three (3) important instances within the novel. These are moments in the novel that you think are important for the story, characters, or ideas. These might be moments that change the novel's story permanently. In the left column, summarize the instance and include the page number. In the right column, answer the questions provided. Use complete sentences as you write.

Important Instance (Include Page Numbers)	Notes
<p>My <b>first</b> instance is on page_____.</p> <p>What happens?</p>	<p>How does this relate to the whole book? What does it tell us about the characters? Story? Why is it important?</p> <p>How would you feel if you were in the story? How is it similar or different from your life?</p> <p>What lessons about life can we learn about this moment?</p>

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<p>My <b>second</b> instance is on page ____.</p> <p>What happens?</p>	<p>How does this relate to the whole book? What does it tell us about the characters? Story? Why is it important?</p> <p>How would you feel if you were in the story? How is it similar or different from your life?</p> <p>What lessons about life can we learn about this moment?</p>

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<p>My <b>third</b> instance is on page ____.</p> <p>What happens?</p>	<p>How does this relate to the whole book? What does it tell us about the characters? Story? Why is it important?</p> <p>How would you feel if you were in the story? How is it similar or different from your life?</p> <p>What lessons about life can we learn about this moment?</p>

### **Open Essay Prompt**

In *The Alchemist*, Melchizedek says to Santiago upon their first meeting "...whoever you are, or whatever it is that you do, when you really want something, it's because that desire originated in the soul of the universe. It's your mission on earth."

Is this a notion that you agree with? Why or why not? Then write a well-organized essay in which you explore the validity of this assertion using examples from your reading, observation, studies or personal experience to develop your position.

This essay should be TYPED.

### **Due Dates**

Your assignment should be submitted to your Grade 12 ELA teacher between **August 19, 2019** and **August 23, 2019**.