



**West Potomac High School  
English 12 & English 12 HN  
Summer 2019 Reading Assignment**

All students registered for English 12 and English 12 Honors for the 2019-2020 academic school year must read:

***The Alchemist***  
by Paulo Coelho

As you read, consider the following topics and issues:

- Writing style (syntax, diction, etc.)
- Theme
- Characterization
- Tone
- Voice
- Plot
- Figurative Language (metaphor, simile, personification, etc.)
- Imagery
- Anything else worthy of note

Supplemental resources are available here: <https://sites.google.com/fcpschools.net/the-alchemist>  
You must be logged in to your fcpschools.net Google account to access the site.

*The Alchemist* will be the core text for the first unit of your English 12 or English 12 Honors class. In your first days of school you should expect to discuss and write on the various aspects of the novel.

You will be required to have a copy of *The Alchemist* with you in class during the first weeks of school, so you will need to either buy a copy, or secure one from a public library for use during the first few weeks of school. You will need to refer to the novel during the first days and weeks of school during classroom instruction.

If you have any questions or concerns about the summer reading assignment, you may contact Mr. Deiter [dldeiter@fcps.edu](mailto:dldeiter@fcps.edu) or Ms. Ashton [kfashton@fcps.edu](mailto:kfashton@fcps.edu) for clarification. Please do not wait until the last minute to begin the assignment or to receive clarification on the assignment.