



KENNEDY CATHOLIC PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Pre-AP English 2 Honors Summer Reading Assignments 2026

1. *Night* by Elie Wiesel
2. *The Count of Monte Cristo* by Alexandre Dumas – use the abridged paperback version or online version – which will be downloaded to your Notability on school IPADS in Sept. <https://www.epedagogia.com.br/materialbibliotecaonline/797The-Count-of-MonteCristo.pdf>
3. *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho – use paperback or online version – which will be downloaded to your Notability on school IPADS in Sept. https://ia801006.us.archive.org/13/items/OceanofPDF.comTheAlchemist/_OceanofPDF.com_The_Alchemist.pdf

Reading Instructions

- Annotate - As this is your first attempt at annotation – be brief with your notes in margins, focusing on characters, settings, and themes. We will review the annotations in class.
- Multiple choice tests will be given for each novel.
- Be prepared for an in-class essay on *Night*.

Essay on *The Alchemist* due first day of class.

Do not consult internet for ideas. Be original.

Essay will consist of 3 paragraphs and can be no longer than 1 page, doubled spaced, Font: Times New Roman, 12 Pt.

Paragraph 1

Include Title, Author, Genre (which is a novel).

Identify what you think is the Theme of *The Alchemist*. Discuss how either characterization or setting helps you to understand your Theme. Everyone will have different Themes – there is no one message – so trust your instincts.

Paragraph 2

Give 2 specific examples of your chosen device (characterization or setting) and explain how it helps you to understand the Theme you have learned from *The Alchemist*.

Paragraph 3

Conclusion

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