

2021 - 2022 EVHS Summer Reading List for students entering the 9th grade Honors English

This is a **requirement** for enrollment in 9th Grade **Honors** English.

- Any student who plans on taking Honors English in the 9th grade is **required** to complete summer reading and hand in the assignment for credit within the **first week of school**.
- Failure to complete this assignment may result in **removal** from 9th grade Honors English.
- Students who enroll late in the summer will have one week to complete the summer reading assignment or transfer out of Honors.
- There will be a **short quiz** the first week of school over the novel.
- Honors English is meant to deliver the same curriculum as the traditional 9th grade English class but with more opportunities to read and write. Regular reading and writing is a key component to success in accelerated English classes at EVHS. **Students need to earn an A average in their 8th grade Language Arts class and have teacher recommendation to sign up for the Honors.**

Read Paulo Coelho's *The Alchemist*

Write a 300+ word analysis paper (5 paragraphs) answering the essential question: what one character trait was most beneficial to Santiago? Defend your thinking with relevant details and evidence from the novel. Consider proving how Santiago is honest, loyal, sincere, compassionate, understanding, thoughtful, diligent, creative, intuitive, reflective, or determined, etc. Just remember, pick one trait and defend thoroughly.

This should be typed in MLA format (please go to owl.purdue.edu to look up MLA formatting rules) . If you do not have a computer, you are expected to visit a friend or relative who does or go to the library. Typed papers are an expectation of your high school English classes. On the back of this sheet is the **Checklist Rubric** similar to the ones we use in 9th grade. Please read over it and attempt to follow the directions to prepare for 9th grade.

Extension Challenge (this one is optional): Watch the movie *Hidalgo*

Complete a Venn Diagram or any graphic organizer that compares and contrasts the settings, characters, and themes from the novel, *The Alchemist*, to this movie.

Resources

- Book Order or Downloads from the Eagle Valley Library District at www.evld.org
- Link to a full text pdf version at <http://www.metaphysicspirit.com/books/The%20Alchemist.pdf>
- Movies from the Eagle Valley Library District at www.evld.org
- Graphic Organizers at www.freeology.com Click on Graphic Organizers for multiple options

Checklist Rubric of items often referenced in EVHS essay rubrics

MLA Turn In Requirements

1. Typed in Times New Roman font, size 12
2. Double spaced from top to bottom with normal 1 inch margins (no additional spaces in the paper)
3. Class heading in the left hand corner of the first page only (double spaced)
 - Student Name
 - Aden/Uhnavy
 - English I Honors
 - Date (Day Month Year)

IDEAS

1. Clearly stated thesis statement
2. Relevant examples & quotes from the text
3. At least one quote per body paragraph to support thinking
4. Quotes are kept to 3 lines or less
5. Quotes are cited in MLA format “copied text” (Author’s Last Name Page)
 - Santiago thought he’d “...like to see the castles in the towns where they live” (Coelho 9).
6. Developed analysis (explain what the quotes prove) of quotes and examples

ORGANIZATION

1. 5 fully developed paragraphs (intro, 3 body paragraphs, conclusion)
2. Essay has a compelling title - centered between the heading the essay; not bolded or underlined
3. Logical, sequential structure - typically chronological for a novel
4. Smooth transitions

VOICE

1. Sophisticated, grade level word choice
2. Persuasive vs narrative voice
3. Formal tone: NO personal pronouns (I, me, you, we, us, etc.), contractions, clichés, or slang
4. Avoids awkward phrasing or repeated words or phrases

SENTENCE STRUCTURE

1. Sentence structure is varied; good balance between short & long declarative sentences
2. Sentences vary simple, compound, and complex structures smoothly
3. No run-ons or sentence fragments
4. Avoids symbols like () or - or / to add information

CONVENTIONS

1. Avoids errors in grammar, spelling, and punctuation
 - Capitals, no lower case i, missing periods, spelling novel names, TAB key to indent