

## English 10 Honors—Summer Reading Assignment 2019

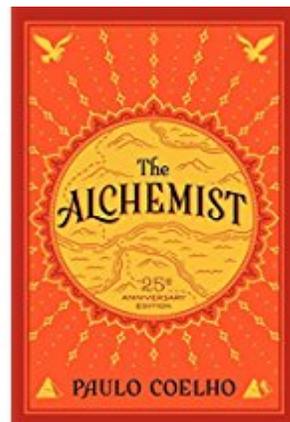
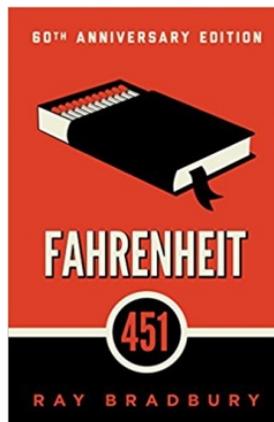
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**REQUIRED SUMMER READING—READ BOTH:****1. *Fahrenheit 451***

ISBN 978-1-9821-0260-9

**2. *The Alchemist***

ISBN 978-0-0623-1500-7

**Welcome to English 10 Honors**

Our first reading selections, which will be completed over the summer, are *Fahrenheit 451* and *The Alchemist*.

*Fahrenheit 451*, is a classic work of American science fiction by Ray Bradbury. Guy Montag, the protagonist, and a firefighter, lives in a dystopian world filled with misery, suffering and oppression. Read the novel and discover why firefighters in *Fahrenheit 451* have little in common with those of today.

An unforgettable story, *The Alchemist*, is about the importance of listening to our hearts and, above all else, following our dreams.

**The reading of both books and two short essays (one for each title) will be completed prior to the first day of class.** The assignments will be collected **for a grade**, and there will be an assessment on both titles within the first two weeks of class. Begin your reading early.

**Due Date: The first day of class**

**Come to class with your printed essays in hand.** Essays submitted after that will be considered late and be marked down according to the policy outlined in our syllabus.

**Summer Reading expectations:**

All students who enroll on or before August 22, 2019 must read the book(s) assigned for their course and complete this summer reading assignment.

All students who enroll on or after August 23, 2019 should begin reading the summer reading book(s) upon enrollment and email the teacher for details about assignment expectations.

All new and returning students should bring a copy of the assigned novel(s) with them on the first day of class.

**Summer Essay #1 Requirements: *Fahrenheit 451***

**Directions:**

1. Using complete sentences, respond to **ONLY ONE** of the prompts below for *Fahrenheit 451*.  
Length: 250 words.
  - A. Describe the role firemen play in Montag's society. How did their role change over time? Then, discuss Montag's personal transformation within the role. What does he like about his job? When did that change? Be sure to include examples from the text to support your arguments.
  - B. What does Montag hope to discover by reading through the illegal books? How does his quest for knowledge affect his relationship with government, Mildred, Clarisse, and himself? Be sure to include examples from the text to support your arguments.
2. MLA Format: Your paper should be typed in MLA format, including a title, 12pt. Times New Roman type, double spaced, with 1" margins all around, and page numbers. Be mindful of spelling and grammar. Show the word count at the bottom of your paper.
3. Essay Content:
  - Opening paragraph
  - Thesis statement or central idea (this statement needs to appear in the opening paragraph)
  - Support your work with evidence from the text
  - Body paragraph(s) with a topic sentences for each body paragraph
  - Closing paragraph
  - Scoring: Refer to the attached Rubric

**Summer Essay #2 Requirements: *The Alchemist***

**Directions:**

1. Using complete sentences, respond to **ONLY ONE** of the prompts below for *The Alchemist*.  
Length: 250 words.
  - A. Was Santiago's father's prediction that Santiago would find his true treasure at home accurate? Explain your answer and use supporting details from the text.
  - B. How does the concept of full circle apply to this novel? Use specific examples from the text to support your answer.
2. MLA Format: Your paper should be typed in MLA format, including a title, 12pt. Times New Roman typeface, double spaced, with 1” margins all around, and page numbers. Be mindful of spelling and grammar. Show the word count at the bottom of your paper.
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**Scoring Tool**

Element	5	4	3	2	1	Points Earned
Content	Exhibits knowledge of the story, includes important facts and/or support.		Exhibits some knowledge of the story		No details from the story or major inaccuracies.	
Writing Technique	Uses proper spelling and punctuation. Grammar and sentence structure are appropriate.		Some mistakes.		Displays a lack of attention for rules of writing.	
MLA Format	Format followed including: Name, teacher, class/block and date, title, type size and type style, margins and page numbers.		Some elements of MLA format present		MLA format not evident	
Total Points						/ 15