

SUMMER READING REQUIREMENTS FOR ENGLISH 9

Students are to maintain a summer reading notebook with entries for each of your selected books. This notebook should contain the following information:

- Title and author, date and country of original publication
- Brief character sketch on each of the main characters
- Outline of significant events in the novel
- Any “golden lines” which you find particularly important along with the page number of the reference
- Theme statement for the novel

Although this seems like a very easy summer assignment, this material will be vitally important during the course of the year. You will be writing about these works of literature beginning the first week of school. **Make sure you bring your notebook to class on the first day.** They will be evaluated on that day. Don't begin the year with a failing grade in English! Have a wonderful summer and enjoy your reading. I look forward to seeing you again in August.

9th grade

REQUIRED: *The Alchemist*, by Paulo Coelho, ISBN 0062502182

Plus *one* of the following:

The Hobbit, by J.R.R. Tolkien

The Once and Future King, by T. H. White

Skystone, by Jack Whyte

Julius Caesar, by William Shakespeare