

English 12 On-Level Summer Reading 2011  
*The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

As you read, please consider the following and be prepared to share your thoughts in class at the beginning of the school year.

- A. Coelho writes, “It’s the possibility of having a dream come true that makes life interesting.” Do you agree or disagree with the statement above? Why? Can you relate that statement above to a dream you have for your life?
- B. In this novel, many individuals teach the boy a “truth” about how the world works. Keep track of the people the boy meets and the “truths” he learns from each.

Take and keep notes on your reading in a journal that you can use in class when we first return to school.