

English 12 Honors Summer Reading Assignment

1. Carefully read *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. You may ask for a copy from Ms. Hersman or Ms. Gibson before the end of the school year, or you may purchase a copy.
2. In a well-written essay, respond to the following quote from William Jennings Bryan and apply the quote to the novel.

“Destiny is no matter of chance. It is a matter of choice. It is not a thing to be waited for; it is a thing to be achieved.”

Use specific examples from the novel to support your response, but **avoid plot summary**.

3. Use the following rubric for your essay. This assignment should be in MLA format and is due the day that you return to school in the fall.