

AP Literature Summer Reading 2016

Directions: On one of the first days of school, you will be responding to a timed write (essay) on *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. Over the summer, please read *The Alchemist* and complete this organizer based on the novel. This organizer will be a graded assignment, and it will also be used to help you prepare for the timed write.

Basic Plot Summary Identify 6-8 key points	Setting Describe the different locations that the story takes place in and the atmosphere of those locations	Protagonists Describe the positive characters who contribute to the main character's success	Antagonists Describe the characters who work to impede the main character's success

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Literary Elements Describe any literary elements that stand out in the text (ex: diction, dialogue, imagery, etc.)	Symbols Describe any symbols in the text and make connections to theme.	Conflicts Describe any internal or external conflicts in the novel.	Themes Identify 3-5 potential themes that become apparent when reading the text.