

# AP Literature Summer Reading 2017

**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.

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

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