

Honors English 10 Summer Reading Assignment **Sophomores: 2024-2025**

Assigned Novels:

- *The Alchemist*, by Paulo Coelho
- *Girl With a Pearl Earring*, by Tracy Chevalier

Welcome to Honors English 10! An important component of the English program at Mission College Prep is the Summer Reading assignment. This assignment's three main goals are to keep you active in reading, to broaden your horizons, and to challenge your thinking skills.

The Summer Reading Assignment is a graded assignment; your knowledge of the book's content will be discerned in **three** ways:

- I. A piece of writing—to be done once school begins
- II. An exam—to be taken once school begins

I. Thematic Essay: Written during the second week of school.

- You will be writing a thematic literary analysis essay on the novels.
- **As you read**, pay attention to the message that the author is putting forth. Remember, all authors write for specific purposes; as critical thinkers, our job is to figure out that purpose.
- We will work on the essay's construction, during class, prior to writing it.

II. Exam

- You will take an exam that will focus on reading comprehension and analysis
- The exam will not be on the first day of school; however, you should be prepared to discuss the book at length on the first day in order to prepare for your exam
 - The exam will include plot, character, theme, and basic literary devices.