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Incoming Freshmen Summer Reading Assignment

Over the summer mandatory reading logs are to be completed based on the assigned 9th grade text. The logs will be reviewed by the English teacher. Additionally, each freshman is to complete a graphic organizer to categorize thinking and understanding of the text. The graphic organizers will also be reviewed by the English teacher. Finally, be prepared for an exam based on the assigned reading. The exam will be administered during the second week of school, approximately. The exam will consist of short answer essays and multiple choice questions.

The 9th grade text is The Alchemist by Paul Coelho and Alan R. Clarke (Translator)

NOTE: Hard copies of the log and the graphic organizer are provided. Additional copies of the logs and the graphic organizer are available at the school website www.mckeechhs.org.



Name: _____

July 1

Start reading the book *The Alchemist*
You have 39 days to read this book.

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

July 2

You have 38 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

read up to page _____ today.

new words I learned today: _____

Name: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

July 3

You have 37 days left to finish *The Alchemist* _____

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

Name: _____

Describe the setting of the story. Include location, time period, and socioeconomic characteristics.

July 4

You have 36 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today:

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

Name: _____

What will happen in the next chapter? Provide one piece of text from today's reading to support your prediction.

July 7

You have 35 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

Name: _____

Through whose point of view is the story written? How does his/her perspective affect the storyline?

July 8

You have 34 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today: _____

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

Name: _____

July 9

You have 33 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

July 10

You have 32 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Name: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

July 11

You have 31 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____

Read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today:

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

Name: _____

July 14

You have 30 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today:

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

Name: _____

Draw a diagram to illustrate the frequency of interaction and the level of connectivity between the characters of the story.

July 15

You have 29 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____
read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

Name: _____

July 16

You have 28 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

Which character exemplifies the setting of the story?

Name: _____

July 17

You have 27 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

Summarize the rising action of the story.

Name: _____

July 18

You have 26 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

Based on the events of the story so far, what do you predict will happen next?

July 21

You have 25 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

Name: _____

3 new words I learned today:

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

July 22

You have 24 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____
read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today:

Here is what happened today:

Name: _____

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

July 23

You have 23 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today:

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

Name: _____

Do you agree with the action(s) of the main character?

July 24

You have 22 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today:

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

Name: _____

July 25

You have 21 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

Which character is best portraying the author's theme? Give reasons for your answer.

July 28

You have 20 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

Name: _____

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

July 29

You have 19 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____
read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Name: _____

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

What do you think is the author's purpose for writing this story?

July 30

You have 18 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Name: _____

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

The events in this story remind me of...

July 31

You have 17 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

Name: _____

August 1

You have 16 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

What problem presents itself in the story? How would you solve the problem?

Name: _____

August 4

You have 15 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today:

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

August 5

You have 14 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today:

Name: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

August 6

You have 13 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

Name: _____

Did the text remind you of any other stories you have read? Explain the connection.

August 7

You have 12 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today: _____

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

Name: _____

August 8

You have 11 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

August 11

You have 10 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Name: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

August 12

You have 9 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____
read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

Name: _____

August 13

You have 8 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today:

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

August 14

You have 7 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

Name: _____

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

August 15

You have 6 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____
read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Name: _____

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

August 18

You have 5 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

Name: _____

August 19

You have 4 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today:

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

August 20

You have 3 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today:

Name: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

August 21

You have 2 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today: _____

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

Name: _____

August 22

Finish reading the book *The Alchemist*
Finally, you can finish this book today!

Started reading at _____ and finished reading at _____.

I read up to page _____ today.

3 new words I learned today:

Here is what happened today:

Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

(from Part Two)
What language has the boy learned in Tangier?

Name: _____

Which character in the book had the greatest impact on Santiago? Why?

Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

_____ What skill does the boy possess that is unique for a shepherd?

- A. He can predict the future.
- B. He can speak the language of the sheep.
- C. He can read.

_____ Why is the crystal merchant afraid to sell tea in his shop?

- A. He doesn't know how to brew tea.
- B. He is afraid that too many of the crystal glasses will break.
- C. He fears that it will make his shop expand and then he will have to change his way of life.

_____ What is the only thing that makes a dream impossible?

- A. Fear of failure
- B. Lack of support from your family
- C. Unexpected obstacles

Summer Reading Analysis Graphic Organizer

Identify the Central Theme from your reading:

Identify the following Literary Terms:

*Characterization –

*Internal Conflict –

*External Conflict -

Identify the Historical Significance/Theme (i.e. power, technology, conflict, culture, etc.):

*Antagonist – Protagonist

*Setting -

Imagery- Sensory Details / Textual Evidence:

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Research quotes and identify one that relates to the Central Idea of the novel.

Resources you can use , among others are:

- www.quoteland.com
- www.BrainyQuote.com

