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.mckeechths.org.
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:
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Here is what happened today:
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Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.
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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:
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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.
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: ____________________________
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Here is what happened today:

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Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.
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: ______________________________________
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Here is what happened today:
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Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.
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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:

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Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.
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:


Here is what happened today:


Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

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**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:

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Here is what happened today:

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Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.
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:

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Here is what happened today:
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Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.
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:
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Here is what happened today:
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Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.
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: ______________________________________
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Here is what happened today:
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Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.
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Which character exemplifies the setting of the story?
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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:
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Here is what happened today:
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Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.
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Summarize the rising action of the story.
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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:
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Here is what happened today:
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Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.
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Based on the events of the story so far, what do you predict will happen next?
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July 21
You have 25 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 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:
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: ____________________________________________
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Here is what happened today:
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Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.
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.
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: _______________________________________
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Here is what happened today:
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Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.
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Which character is best portraying the author's theme? Give reasons for your answer.
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July 28
You have 20 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at ____________ and finished reading at ______________.
I read up to page ________ today.
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:
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Here is what happened today:
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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:


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.
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: ______________________________________
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Here is what happened today:
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Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.
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What problem presents itself in the story? How would you solve the problem?
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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:

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Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.
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August 5
You have 14 days left to finish *The Alchemist*

Started reading at ___________ and finished reading at ___________.
read up to page ________ today.

3 new words I learned today:

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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:

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Here is what happened today:


Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.
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:

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Here is what happened today:

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Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.
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:

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Here is what happened today:

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Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

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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:

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Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

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, 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:
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Here is what happened today:
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Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.
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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: 

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Here is what happened today:

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Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

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August 14
You have 7 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 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:
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:

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Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

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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:

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Here is what happened today:

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Note: Characters; Settings and Conflict as you read.

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August 20
You have 3 days left to finish The Alchemist

Started reading at ____________ and finished reading at ____________.
read up to page _________ today.

1 new words I learned today:

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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.
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: ________________________________________
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Here is what happened today:
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(From Part Two)
What language has the boy learned in Tangier?
Which character in the book had the greatest impact on Santiago? Why?

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

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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
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