

SUMMER READING Class of 2020



Dear Rising Sophomores:

Yes, we know you deserve a break after a long and arduous year and yes, we do want you to enjoy the summer, but we also want you to use your vacation time productively. Therefore, you are required to read the first 85 pages of **The Alchemist**, by Paulo Coelho (you will need your copy for the first few weeks of school) and complete **ONE** of the books from the options on the following page. During your first week at school, your English teacher will be assigning an in-class writing assignment on your reading choice -so be prepared!

Remember, you need not like or agree with everything you read. Some times a book that provokes dissent is as stimulating as a book that echoes our own thoughts. Our hope is that your summer reading will engage your minds, stimulate thought, and help you to clarify and become more comfortable with your individual and unique perspectives on life.

Best wishes for a healthy and productive summer.

Sincerely,

Mica Bloom

English Department Chair



noun

1. the state or fact of continuing to live or exist, typically in spite of an accident, ordeal, or difficult circumstances.
2. an object or practice that has continued to exist from an earlier time.

CHOOSE ONE:

(Remember: During your first week at school your teacher will be giving you an in-class writing assignment on your chosen book!)

