

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 Alchemist*, by Paulo Coelho and complete the required vocabulary log which will be due the first day back at school. During your first week at school your English teacher will be assigning an in-class writing assignment on your reading -so be prepared! We also encourage you to read additional books from the [recommended reading list](#).

Remember, you need not like or agree with everything you read. Sometimes 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,

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VOCABULARY LOG

1. While you are reading *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho find at least 15 words that are unfamiliar to you.

2. Create a log entry for each word by:

A. Creating four separate boxes per word

B. Labelling each box with its heading

-Box 1 The Word

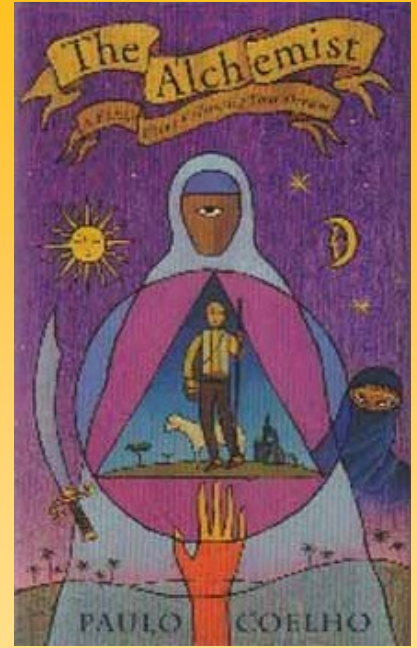
-Box 2 Definition

-Box 3 Part of Speech

-Box 4 The original sentence with the page number

C. Under each word box create a drawing that illustrates the meaning of the word.

Alternatively, you may find an image online and paste it onto your log.



SAMPLE

Word	Definition	Part of Speech	Original Sentence
Jubilant	Feeling or expressing great joy; very happy.	Adjective	"The girl felt jubilant when her boyfriend proposed." (57)

