

**2022-2023 Summer Reading  
10th Grade English College Prep**

Students taking College Prep English 10 should read and make marginal notes for **BOTH** the required novel and their selected choice book per instructions below. These marginal notes will be checked sometime during the first week of school.

**Required Novel - *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho**

**Choice Novels - Choose ONE of the following: *Tasting the Sky* by Ibtisam Barakat, *Same Kind of Different As Me* by Ron Hall and Denver Moore , or *A Long Way Gone* by Ishmael Beah**

**BASIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR MARGINAL NOTES PER CHAPTER**

**Your marginal notes of BOTH *The Alchemist* and your CHOICE NOVEL should include:**

- **At least FIVE marginal notes PER CHAPTER:** These are notes that you write **IN THE MARGIN** of the novel that **EXPLAIN** what you highlighted, underlined, circled, or starred on the page you are reading.

**Required Novel Assignment in addition to marginal notes:**

**A project will be assigned the first week of school for *The Alchemist*.**

**Choice Novel Assignment in addition to marginal notes:**

- Select **one** of the essential questions from the list below and type a **one** paragraph (5-8 sentences) response. Be sure to use a minimum of one piece of textual evidence, cite your page number using the correct format for in-text citations, and use proper MLA format. **This assignment will be due during the first week of school.**

**Essential Questions to choose from: (PICK ONLY ONE to write about for your assigned paragraph)**

- **Do people need to belong?**
- **In the face of adversity, what causes some individuals to prevail while others fail?**
- **Once innocence is lost, can it ever be redeemed?**
- **What are the sources of conflict among humans?**

**\*\*\*You can find additional tips/suggestions for writing this paragraph below.**

**Paragraph format to follow:** Topic sentence, context, textual evidence (quotation), in-text citation, commentary, concluding sentence

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**In-text citation example:** Henry David Thoreau states, “If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer” (24). I did not include the author’s name in the in-text citation because I already stated his name in the sentence. Therefore, I used only the page number.

**MLA format** consists of: Times New Roman, double-spaced lines, 12” font, heading (you can google the format if you do not know it)