

The Alchemist

By Paulo Coelho

“It’s a brilliant, magical, life-changing book that continues to blow my mind with its lessons. [...] A remarkable tome.”

— Neil Patrick Harris, Actor

“It changed my whole life. I realized of all of the people who had conspired to get me to this place.”

— Pharrell Williams, Musician and song-writer

“A wise and inspiring fable about the pilgrimage that life should be.”

— M. Scott Peck

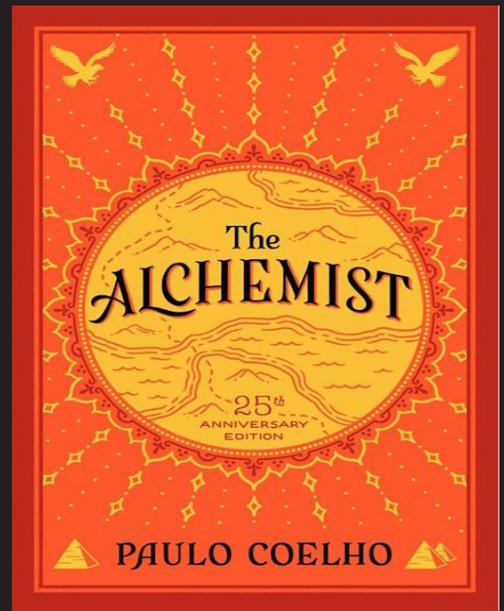
“An adventure story full of magic and wisdom.”

— Rudolfo Anaya, author of *Bless Me, Ultima*

“A touching, inspiring fable.” — Indianapolis Star

“[This] Brazilian wizard makes books disappear from stores.”

— New York Times



Discussion Questions

Answer the questions below using complete sentences and/or paragraphs. This may be done in a notebook or electronically. Bring questions/answers with you on the first day of class.

1. Santiago learns many lessons about himself and the world from his journey. Of all the lessons he learns, which is the most crucial? What lessons have you learned on your journey and which have been the most important? Explain.
2. Define your personal legend (self-discovery). When were you first able to act on it? What obstacles did you have to overcome? What resources, including personal qualities, do you need to help you continue on your way?
3. When have you had to make a choice or pay a price to fulfill your dream?
Write about two examples from your experiences in life where the “price” was too high or it was worth it.
4. When have outside influences affected your journey? Explain a positive and negative influence that aided in your self-discovery.
5. Our Franciscan values for the 2018-2019 school year are stewardship, service, contemplation and joy. How does Santiago experience two of these listed values? Of the four values, which one(s) will help you in your quest to find your *treasure*?