

TCHS Summer Reading List for LEAP I and Pre-AP English I

You are only required to read (and thoroughly understand) one of the works. You are, of course, welcome to read more than one book; only one book is required reading, however.

Nectar in a Sieve

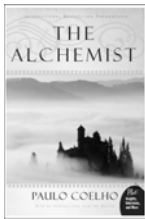
By Kamala Markandaya



This beautiful and eloquent story tells of a simple peasant woman in a primitive village in India whose whole life was a gallant and persistent battle to care for those she loved.

The Alchemist

By Paulo Coelho



This story, dazzling in its simplicity and wisdom, is about an Andalusian shepherd boy named Santiago who travels from his homeland in Spain to the Egyptian desert in search of treasure buried in the Pyramids.

The Bean Trees

By Barbara Kingsolver



Clear-eyed and spirited, Taylor Greer grew up poor in rural Kentucky with the goals of avoiding pregnancy and getting away. But when she heads west with high hopes and a barely functional car, she meets the human condition head-on.

Assignment

- As you read your chosen work, you should take notes. Choose the method that works best for you.
 - Cornell Notes
 - Dialectical Journal
 - Annotating in text
 - Etc.
- As you read, focus on the following:
 - The style of the novel-*is it easy to follow for a 9th grade student?*
 - The qualities you think are positive or negative about the way the book was written. *For example, you might notice that the author uses a lot of good descriptions, or you might notice that the author does not describe enough.*
 - Pick out examples (text evidence) of positive/problem areas you find for further discussion later.
 - Take note of the character's struggles and lessons learned as you read.-*what is the underlying theme of the novel? Can you relate to it?*
- When you return in August, you should be prepared to discuss and/or write about the ideas and themes of the novel in great detail addressed above.
- All novels can be made available to you if you are unable to buy them. See your teacher to find out more information.

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