Summer of 2020 Assignment - English 2H
(for Humanities and non-Humanities sections)

1. Get ready to read *The Alchemist* by Brazilian author Paulo Coelho, translated by Alan R. Clarke. Written in the style of a fable, it is a novella (short novel) about a boy’s quest for treasure and how he learns many life lessons along his journey.

2. Access the text online or check out a book. This summer, it will probably be simplest for students to read the [online pdf edition](#); however, a physical edition can be checked out if preferred. Go to J-207 during textbook check in, which is happening May 29-June 5, 2020, or after those dates from the principal’s office at NU. You may also buy a new or used copy to own. For your information, the N.U. English department has a few different editions, including the two pictured here, so our page numbers will vary.

2. Join our online English 2H Summer Assignment Google Classroom (use the class code 2it5jrw) to access the full assignment and the doc that you will do your work in. In case you have not used Google Classroom before, simply open your Google Drive and go to the ‘waffle’ icon. Scroll down until you find the Classroom icon to click on. Then you can join a new class (you may see a plus sign icon) using our class code.

Once in our Google Classroom, there will be announcements and links in the “Stream.” Switch tabs (top of page) from “Stream” to “Classwork” to access the Guided Reading assignment.

3. Read the book in its entirety. Keep in mind, the text has been translated from Portuguese into English.

4. Complete a Guided Reading assignment for the book. The questions will ask you to use facts from and make inferences based on the text. Parenthetical citations will be part of the assignment, too.

**Suggested timeline:** June: Join Google Classroom for 2H. July: Relax & rejuvenate! August: Read book & do assignment.

**Purpose of Summer Assignment**

- Read a little, think a little! Keep up some skills before school starts again.
- Start off our new class with characters and a story that we will all have in common.
- Use the text to study symbols, allegory and archetype.
- Use the text to study syntax (there are actually a lot of run-on and comma splice sentences!)

*Looking forward to a year that stretches us all!*

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