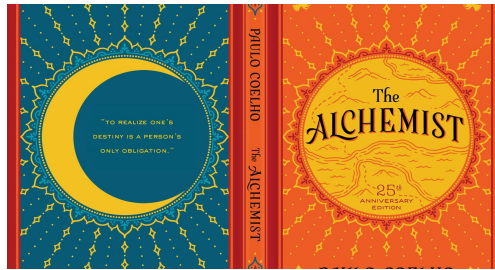


**English IV College Prep
Academy of the Holy Names
Essential Questions and Annotation Guide for Summer Reading**

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The expectation of summer reading is that you have finished reading the novel by the start of school on August 17th. The lessons and assessments that we do during the first three weeks will all be related to this text and there will not be class time given to complete the reading. The following guide provides key themes, figurative language, and literary devices that you should focus on throughout your reading.

As you read the novel you should annotate for the following and be able to explain the significance:

Theme Topics (A universal idea, lesson, or message explored throughout a work of literature.)	Literary Devices
Fate vs. Free Will	Symbols and Motifs
Dreams and Aspirations	Allegory
Wisdom and Knowledge	Archetype - Hero's Journey
Fear	Personification
Self-discovery	Metaphor

Essential Questions:

- What types of experiences allow us to discover who we really are?
- Are there universal themes in literature that are of interest or concern to all cultures and societies?
- What are the characteristics or elements that allow a piece of literature to stand the test of time?

Assessments (subject to change):

- Multiple choice reading quiz (formative)
- Baseline passage analysis (TBD)
- Harkness discussion (formative)
- One Pager (summative)

★ *Please note: Any student who initiates and confirms a schedule change between now and the first weeks of school is responsible for the completion of the subsequent summer assignment of their updated class choice.*

Character Map:

