

**English I Pre-AP
Summer Reading Assignment 2011-2012**

You will need to purchase the following two books:

***Tuesdays with Morrie*- Mitch Albom
The Alchemist- Paulo Coelho**

Both of these can be purchased at Barnes & Noble.

Assignment:

For both *Tuesdays with Morrie* and *The Alchemist*, students will be expected to respond in the following ways:

Question: Formulate a broad question which pertains to the novel. Write a complete question. Then, use the work to answer the question.

Examples of Questions: What role do symbols play in the novel? Is the major conflict in the novel internal or external? How is the title derived?

Quote: Choose a passage from the novel which you feel is the important. Write the quote down word for word and document with the page number. Then, explain why you believe that this passage best exemplifies the author's message and purpose of the work as a whole.

Talking Points: List two topics you'd like to explore in a discussion of the work in class. Explain your rationale for choosing these topics.

Considerations:

This summer reading assignment is an individual assignment. No group work! It will be due the first week of school.

Show how *you* interpret the books. Do not consult any secondary source, such as Spark Notes or their online equivalents.