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## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade English Summer Reading

Please read *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho and complete the following assignment. You should acquire a copy of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary paperback edition (ISBN: 978-0062315007) or found at [Amazon](#), [Barnes & Noble](#), or [Bookshop](#).

Please type your answers for the first two sections using MLA format and be prepared to hand in a printed, stapled copy on the first full day of school.

### Vocabulary:

List five new vocabulary words that you did not know before reading the book. Include the page number from *The Alchemist* and the definition. You should look up each definition using Lexico.com and cite your source.

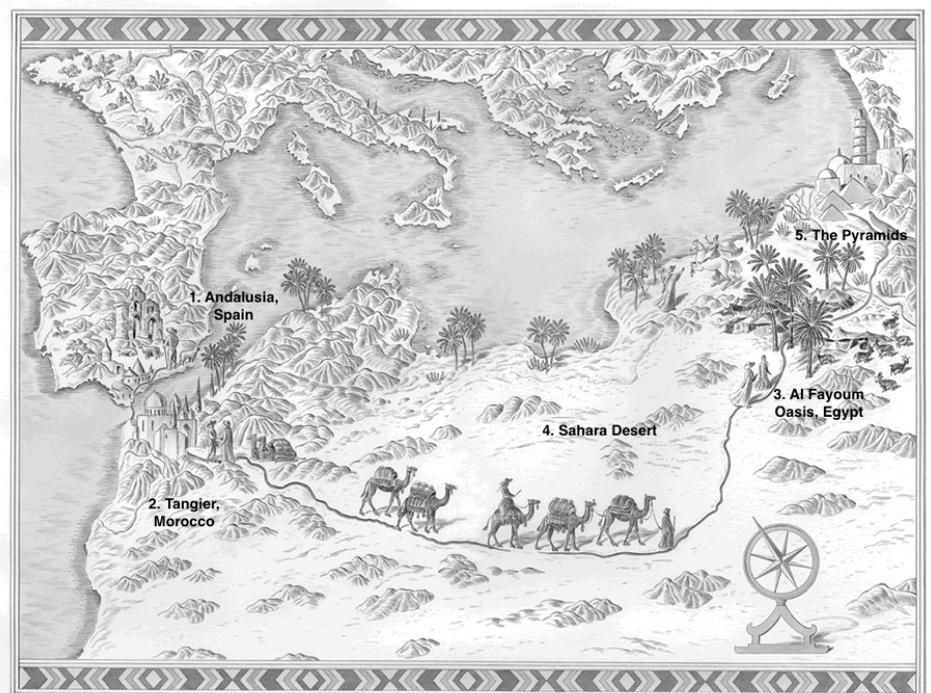
### Short Answer:

Please answer the following short answer questions with a paragraph.

1. Choose a character who helps Santiago along his journey and explain what Santiago learns from that character.
2. At the end of the novel, the boy hears a voice on the wind say: "If I had told you, you wouldn't have seen the Pyramids. They're beautiful, aren't they?" (Coelho 170) What do you think this quote says about journeys and adventures? What do the Pyramids represent for Santiago?
3. What do you think your own personal legend might be? What is one thing that you did this summer that is a part of your personal legend?

### Analysis Journal:

Using the attached journal pages, **handwrite** three entries. You should notice and make notes about three important instances in the novel. These are moments that are important for story, characters, or ideas. These might be moments that change the arc of the story. Use complete sentences and check your writing for grammar and spelling. You should summarize the instance in the left column and answer the questions in the right column.



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### Analysis Journal #1

Important Instance (include page numbers)	Notes
<p>My first instance is on page ____.</p> <p>What happens?</p>	<p>How does this relate to the whole book? What does it tell us about the characters? Story? Why is it important?</p> <p>What lessons about life can we learn from this moment?</p>



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### Analysis Journal #3

Important Instance (include page numbers)	Notes
<p>My third instance is on page ____.</p> <p>What happens?</p>	<p>How does this relate to the whole book? What does it tell us about the characters? Story? Why is it important?</p> <p>What lessons about life can we learn from this moment?</p>

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