

9th and 10th Grade Optional Summer Reading Assignment

Choose one novel or growth mindset text from the list below:

1. *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
2. *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel
3. *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho
4. *Looking for Alaska* by John Green
5. *Anthem* by Ayn Rand
6. *The 7 Habits of Highly Successful Teens* by Sean Covey
7. *The Magic of Thinking Big* by David Schwartz
8. *Successful Women Think Differently* by Valorie Burton
9. *You've Got to Be Hungry* by Les Brown
10. *Sold* (820) by Patricia McCormick
11. *A Thousand Splendid Suns* (830) by Khaled Hosseini
12. *The Book Thief* (730) by Markus Zusak
13. *Life of Pi* (430) by Yann Martel
14. *The Alchemist* (910) by Paulo Coelho

Writing Task:

In one well-developed paragraph (5-8 sentences), summarize your novel and identify the larger theme(s) which the author is trying to convey to his/her audience. Use specific and relevant textual evidence in your response to further your rationale.