



**2009-2010 Summer Reading List**  
Grades 10, 11 and 12

**Read carefully. Be sure you complete the correct assignment for your class.**

• **Students Entering Grade 10 – You will read 2 books:**

The Alchemist, by Paulo Coelho and  
Outliers, by Malcolm Gladwell

ASSIGNMENT:

**World Literature II students:** Keep a double entry journal for the required readings (approximately 10 entries per text).

**World Literature II Honors students:** Write a personal essay in which you reflect on the underlying advice of each text. What do these authors suggest to us, warn us about, or make us question about the nature of success or happiness? Are you convinced? Why? Be sure to use examples from both texts and connect to your own experience. The essay should be two pages long, 12 point font, double-spaced. You must use quotations from both works.

• **Students Entering Grade 11 - You will read 2 books:**

The Kite Runner, by Khaled Hosseini and  
The Bookseller of Kabul, by Asne Seierstad

ASSIGNMENT:

**World Literature III students:** Keep a double entry journal for the required readings (approximately 10 entries per text).

**World Literature III Honors students:** Write an essay comparing and contrasting the commentary made by each writer about gender in Kabul, Afghanistan. The essay should be two pages long, 12 point font, double-spaced. You must use quotations from both works and connect to your own ideas about how gender is defined in our own culture.

• **Students Entering Grade 12 - You will read 2 books:**

Siddhartha, by Hermann Hesse and  
Into the Wild, by Jon Krakauer

ASSIGNMENT: Keep a journal for the required readings. Entries are framed by commentary, personal analysis, and inquiry. Your journal does not need to address every chapter and is not a series of summaries. The journal should be thoughtful, reflective, and insightful. **Approximately 15 entries per text.**

**Students may borrow texts that CGS World Literature has in its inventory. You must sign out the book borrowed. Please see your world literature teacher.**