



EAST HAMILTON HURRICANES

East Hamilton High School
Rising 9th Graders - Summer Reading 2023

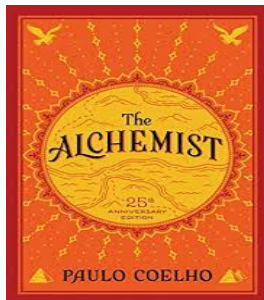
REQUIRED READING:

The EHHS English teachers welcome you to 9th Grade!

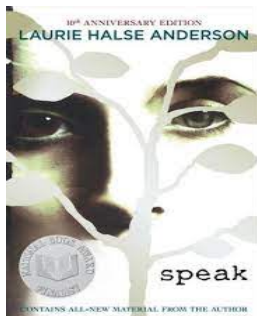
You may choose between either *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho or *Speak* by Laurie Halse Anderson to read over the summer.

During the second week of school, students will be taking an assessment on their chosen novel.

Below is a brief synopsis of each book.



The Alchemist is a classic novel in which a boy named Santiago embarks on a spiritual journey, seeking treasure in the Egyptian pyramids after having a recurring dream about it. On the way he meets mentors, falls in love, and most importantly, learns the true importance of who he is and how to improve himself.



Speak centers on a character who gains the strength to overcome her trauma. The rape she endured troubles Melinda as she struggles with wanting to repress the memory of the event, while simultaneously desiring to speak about it.