

The Alchemist Essay

50 points

Topic: How does the journey affect Santiago?

- Your essay should prove how he is a dynamic character
- Indicate how he changes and what or who causes those changes
- Five paragraph essay: Introduction, three body paragraphs, conclusion
- You may choose three ways he changes and what causes that change; or you may write about one major change and three events/people that cause that change.

Introduction

- Include title of work and author (book titles are italicized)
- Develop the specific topic
- Thesis statement at the end of the introduction

Body paragraphs

- Begin with a topic sentence
- Each paragraph should develop Santiago's transformation and indicate what causes these changes.
- Focus on the people he meets on his journey, his obstacles, or any specific event that leads Santiago to learn something new about himself, others, or his journey
- End with a concluding sentence.

Writing

- Use formal language: no colloquialisms, no contractions
- Use three words from your vocabulary list
- Use transitions at the beginning of each paragraph
- Use transitions within each paragraph as you move from example to example.
- No personal pronouns (you, I, me, we, us)
- Write about events in the story using present tense verbs (Example: Santiago plans to earn enough money to buy back his sheep)