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**Pennridge High School English Department
Summer Reading List
2009-2010**

The English teachers believe in **reading widely** and **reading often**, and we expect all students will fulfill the following:

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- **Academic** students will read **Paulo Coelho's *The Alchemist*** during the summer. ***The Alchemist* must be read by the start of the 09-10 school year.**
- In addition, it is expected that academic-level students read **3 outside reading books** during the course of the school year. Students will receive direction from teachers upon returning to school.
- Finally, the following is a list of suggested titles if you are looking for something to read over the summer. Enjoy!

The Kitchen Boy- Richard Alexander
When the Emperor Was Divine- Julie Otsuka
Chinese Cinderella-Adeline Yen Mah
Angela's Ashes – Frank McCourt
The Birth of Venus- Sarah Dunant
Eragon- Christopher Paolini
The Book Thief - Marcus Zusak
Columbus in the Americas- William Least Heat-Moon
The Samurai's Tale- Erik Haugaard and F. Hau
Daughter of Fortune- Isabel Allende
Into Thin Air- Jon Krakauer
The Hitchhiker Series by Douglass Adams
Briar Rose-Jane Yolen
How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents- Julia Alvarez
The House on Mango Street – Sandra Cisneros
Memoirs of a Geisha: A Novel – Arthur Golden
Girl with the Pearl Earring – Tracy Chevalier
Any Non-American Author on the New York Times Bestsellers List