

## World Literature: Summer Reading Assignment

### **Congratulations!!**

You have completed your junior year and are ready to begin your senior year! Now it is time to ...

### **Grab a Good Book...**

Whether you spend your summer hanging out with friends in Santiago, relaxing at the beach, or visiting family, grab a good book to prepare you for the study of World Literature!

All students are to choose *one* of the following to read:

Amy Tan's *The Joy Luck Club*

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's *One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich*

Leo Tolstoy's *The Death of Ivan Illyich*

Mariama Ba's *So Long a Letter*

Alan Paton's *Cry, the Beloved Country*

Paulo Coelho's *The Alchemist*

As you read, take notes about the major events, characters, and motifs in order to prepare for your first assignments of the year that will be about your novel. You should take notes either in your book (underlining key lines, writing notes in the margin, or using sticky notes that help you to process the work) or in a composition notebook. Looking for patterns (repeated words, images, references) may be helpful, and you should be sure to mark them. Also, writing chapter-by-chapter notes (either in the book at the end of each chapter or in a composition notebook) will enable you to recall the details of this work when we begin class in August.

Taking detailed notes will help prepare you for the first assessments of senior year, which will include a reading quiz and an in-class essay.

I look forward to discussing your reading experience with you as we explore mankind's journey of self-discovery in World Literature during your senior year!

**Questions/Concerns?** Email me at [cgracesqui@scs.edu.do](mailto:cgracesqui@scs.edu.do)