

The Alchemist Reading Assignment 5
English 9 Honors
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Read pages 85 through 127

In your notebook, consider the following questions.

- The Oasis is described in great detail. How does its lushness, laughter and color reflect what Santiago finds there? Where else in the story does Coelho provide details about the physical setting in order to lend more meaning to the events which occur there?
- Explain how Santiago's union with Fatima represents the Language of the World, according to Santiago on page 93. Why does Fatima accept that her new husband wanders the desert, as she explains on p. 98?
- What is the meaning of the two dead hawks and the falcon in the oasis? How does this omen change Santiago's status in society?
- During his trek through the desert with the alchemist, Santiago is told of many basic truths. The alchemist says, "There is only one way to learn. It's through action. Everything you need to know you have learned through your journey" (p. 125). What are some of the things Santiago has learned through action?

Regional Terms: Bedouins (84) and hookah (114)

Alchemist's Terms: Emerald Tablet (126)

Answer the following questions.

1. Where (exactly) do Fatima and Santiago meet?
2. What cultural error does Santiago make when he first goes to the well?
3. What does Santiago remember about the levanter wind?
4. To whom does the future belong?

