

## **An Invitation to join *The Alchemist* Project**

One of our learning objectives this quarter is the personal narrative. Our outside reading book is *The Alchemist*. In this project, we're going to combine these two activities in a unique way, and I am inviting you to participate, if you would like.

Over the course of the book, your student will be writing three narrative essays about his/her dreams and aspirations, his/her great fears and anxieties and about people that are meaningful to him/her. These are the themes of the book we're reading in class.

In an attempt to facilitate your participation we are going to listen together to a discussion about this book via a podcast called the ***How to Love Lit Podcast***. This podcast is designed to facilitate discussion of many of the books we teach in school, not just for students, but also for lifelong learners. This month, you are invited to join our class **virtually**.

I'd like to invite you to read this fun and inspiring book with your student and talk with him about the story and the ideas Coelho talks about in his book: dreams, goals, disappointments, etc. Through the podcast, you can listen to the exact same lectures your student is listening to in class. Of course, you don't have to write any essays (ha!), but the things you and your student discuss will be the topics he/she writes about in their assignments.

I hope this experience can enrich not only your own educational experience, but I hope it can be an opportunity for you and your student to have some fun and meaningful conversations, something we don't do enough of anymore.

The name of the podcast is the ***How to Love Lit Podcast***. You can listen through your phone for free via android, Iphone or any digitally connected device. It's on Spotify, Apple Podcast, Google podcast, etc..... You can also listen through the website [howtolovelitpodcast.com](http://howtolovelitpodcast.com)

If you decide to participate, please let us know your name and email, so I can follow up and see how the project is going. And of course, yes, your student will get extra credit for having a partner in his/her educational adventure this quarter.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I'd like to participate in *The Alchemist* Project

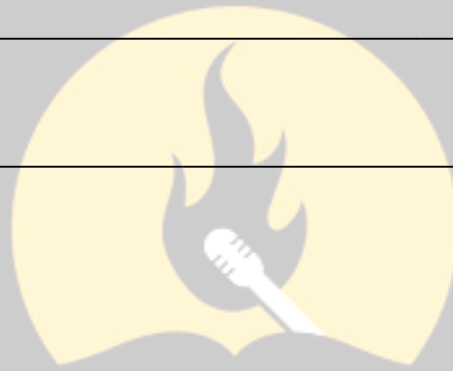
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My name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of my reading partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Our relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (optional)



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