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The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho is a novel that is about a young Andalusian shepherd boy named Santiago who discovers that he has a personal legend to pursue. The main characters besides Santiago in the novel are Melchizedek, The Crystal Merchant, The Camel Driver, Fatima, and The Alchemist. Santiago meets Melchizedek in a town called Tarifa. Melchizedek is the King of Salem, who motivated Santiago to look more into his personal legend. The Crystal Merchant is someone who Santiago works with after he gets robbed in Tangier. The Crystal Merchant teaches Santiago to cleanse his mind whenever he has negative thoughts because he wants Santiago to not get held back on his journey. Santiago met The Camel Driver when he was with the caravan. The Camel Driver helps Santiago avoid fear when pursuing his personal legend. Santiago meets Fatima at an oasis in the desert. Fatima provided support on the journey Santiago was embarking on when she understood what a personal legend was. Santiago also meets The Alchemist at an oasis in the desert. The Alchemist teaches Santiago important lessons that help him finally find his personal legend.

I thought that the novel was amazing. I liked how Santiago met so many characters who helped him with his journey. The novel made me feel motivated and inspired because it showed that Santiago faced many challenges during his journey. Though, these challenges didn't stop him because he was determined to reach his personal legend. One thing that surprised me about this novel was the ending.

I would recommend this novel because it encourages people to never give up on their journey. I think people who like motivational novels would like this.