



## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Assignment

### Literary Analysis

- Please read and annotate the novel *Lord of the Flies*, by William Golding. You may choose between tracking one character's development or focus on a symbol throughout the novel. During the first two weeks of school, we will be discussing and writing an analysis of this text.

#### Synopsis of *Lord of the Flies*:

At the dawn of the next world war, a plane crashes on an uncharted island, stranding a group of schoolboys. At first, with no adult supervision, their freedom is something to celebrate. This far from civilization they can do anything they want. Anything. But as order collapses, as strange howls echo in the night, as terror begins its reign, the hope of adventure seems as far removed from reality as the hope of being rescued (Penguin Books).

- Please select and read two other books of your choosing. These books may be any genre you would like. **Note that the selections should be made by you and a parent/guardian.** Please write a one-page response to one of these books (see directions below). This assignment will be due on the second day of school.

**Assignment:** This assignment should be no more than one typed page. Write a one paragraph response to the book with specific examples. You might consider:

- This book made me think/feel/realize/wonder/consider....
- One part I particularly enjoyed is when\_\_\_\_\_ because\_\_\_\_\_
- I love how the author\_\_\_\_\_
- What I'll remember about this book is \_\_\_\_\_
- I think the author wrote this book to\_\_\_\_\_
- The author's theme (not the subject) is \_\_\_\_\_ because\_\_\_\_\_
- If I could talk to the author about this book, I would say/ask\_\_\_\_\_

Your response must follow BMS writing standards, include a heading, be double-spaced, and typed in 12-point font. Your ideas should be well-organized, detailed, and fully developed. Edit for spelling and grammar. Make sure to use specific examples and at least one properly cited (MLA) quotation from the book to support what you are saying.