2025 Stafford High School English I Summer Reading Assignment

You will select one of the novels below to read and complete the attached assignment, and you need to review the entire assignment before you start reading. The assignment will be due on Monday August 25, 2025 for a **MAJOR GRADE** for the first six weeks.

- *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London
- *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins
- *In Darkness* by Nick Lake
- *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding

You should be able to find copies of the books through your public libraries, or you may purchase a copy from Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Half Priced Books, or any number of other retailers. *The Call of the Wild* is in the public domain, and you can find it for free through Project Gutenberg at the following link: https://www.gutenberg.org/files/215/215-h/215-h.htm

There are four parts to the assignment.

1. You will create an image that represents the overall theme or a major symbol from the novel. This will be the cover of your assignment, and it must include the name of the novel and its author in addition to your name. This should be an original image created by you, but you are free to use your personal creative skills.
2. You will construct a summary of the novel. This summary may be handwritten or typed but must fill an entire page. You must include a quote from the work. Your summary must follow the parameters listed below:
    - Written in present tense.
    - Includes the title of the work.
    - Includes a quotation from the novel.
    - Does NOT include personal opinions, ideas, or interpretations of the text.
3. You will complete a dialectical journal of a minimum of ten (10) rows (see attached pages).
4. You will create a blackout poem using a page or two from the novel that represents your thoughts or feelings about what you read. For information on blackout poetry, visit the following website: https://www.weareteachers.com/blackout-poetry/

If you have any questions, you may contact Mr. Johnathan Potter at johnathan.potter@staffordmsd.org. Please include your first and last name in your email and put "Summer Reading Assignment Question" in the subject line.

Rubric

Image Representing Theme / Major Symbol	_____/ 20
Summary	_____/ 25
Dialectical Journal (3 points per entry)	_____/ 30
Blackout Poem	_____/ 25

Dialectical Journal

Directions: You will fill out 10 rows (two pages) for your chosen novel. Make sure that you use complete sentences when writing your response.

- **In the first column: Write down a direct quote from the text.**
- **In the second column: Cite the page**
- **In the third column: Explain why you selected this quotation. Why is it important? What do you not understand? Of what did it make you think?**

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