All English 1 2026 Summer Reading

"Great books help you understand, and they help you feel understood." -John Green

Welcome to WHS, class of 2030! For this summer's reading assignment, you will read *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding. Your student will need a physical copy of the book (this copy is preferred).



"If you like your books to have gripping and believable characters with a plot second to none, then *Lord of the Flies* is for you." -from *The Guardian*

"*Lord of the Flies* is perhaps our most memorable novel about the end of innocence, the darkness of man's heart." -from Goodreads

Essential Questions to consider while reading:

- What is an individual's responsibility to a community?
- What is a community's responsibility to an individual?
- How does a society maintain order? Are laws necessary?
- How do fear and desire for acceptance influence human behavior?
- Does violence create power or control?
- How do our surroundings shape how we behave and who we are?

Your assignment is to critically and thoughtfully read a *Lord of the Flies*. We recommend that you keep track of major events, interesting passages, important quotes, and general noticings by taking notes in your book. Mark these passages in your book with highlighter or post it notes.

Be prepared to complete an assessment over the novel during the first three days of school. Details about this assessment will be communicated to you on the first day of school. We will be using this text at the beginning of the school year to develop literary analysis skills.

We look forward to meeting you!

Best Wishes,
Your English 1 teachers