

Summer Reading Assignment

Rising Ninth Grade - Honors

Lord of the Flies by William Golding

Welcome to high school! Over the summer, all incoming freshmen are required to read *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding. *Lord of the Flies* is a 1954 novel by William Golding about a group of British schoolboys stranded on a deserted island who descend into savagery, exploring themes of human nature, civilization, and the conflict between order and chaos..

Please follow the guidelines below to help you prepare for a successful start to the school year.

Assignment Requirements:

1. **Read the entire novel:**

Complete your reading before the first day of school. Bring your copy of the book with you on the first day.

2. **Be prepared for an assessment:**

During the first two weeks of school, you will take a reading assessment covering the novel:

- Key plot events
- Character development
- Themes and symbols

3. **Prepare for an in-class essay:**

You will write an essay analyzing one of the themes of the novel.

Optional Preparation:

To help you remember important details:

- Take brief notes as you read.
- Mark or highlight quotes that stand out.
- Write a short summary after each of the five encounters, including:
 - Who does the protagonist encounter
 - The description of heaven in the encounter
 - The lesson learned from the encounter

Important Reminder: Highlight and annotate as you read. **This assignment will count as your first major English grade of the year.** Stay on track this summer and start high school strong!