

Summer Reading Assignment
Honors English 8
2026-2027

The following assignment is due on the second day of class. In addition, you will also have an objective test over the novel on the third day of class. The test will cover items such as characterization, plot, theme, and setting. Read carefully and please be prepared.

The purpose of the summer reading assignment is for you to work through the reading independently, exercise your critical thinking skills, and ultimately prepare you for what is next. The expectation, if you elect to take this course, is that you are functioning at an advanced level and that you are capable of working through these assignments without the help of an instructor.

Although it is fine to ask questions of your instructor or your peers, the expectation is that you will be turning in your OWN work. Do NOT work together with another person. Do NOT use the internet or other sources to help you. Plagiarism WILL result in the failure of this assignment and possibly your removal from the course.

SPECIAL NOTE: The completion of summer assignment is a requirement for this course. Failure to complete all or part of the summer assignment may result in removal from the course or a failing grade for the first quarter.

Text: *Lord Of The Flies by William Golding*

Assignment:

- Complete a Major Works Data Sheet as you read this story. The sheet is attached.
- Additionally, you will need to analyze the characters, themes, and types of conflict.
Make sure to cite page numbers for all of your quotes and examples!

You must handwrite your answers. Please make sure it is neat and organized.

****Remember to bring the novel with you to school in August because we will be working with it for the first several weeks of school.**

I am expecting quality work. Please be thorough when completing your assignments. Do not wait until the last minute to complete these assignments!

Be sure that all of the work is YOUR OWN. **Cheating of any kind will result in a zero.**

If you have questions, contact me at kpancost@sailornet.org. Additionally, you should join the Google Classroom by using the code xqxuwau

Major Works Data Sheet

(You may need to do research to answer this page. Please cite your sources!)

Title: _____

Author: _____

Original date of publication: _____

Genre: _____

Characteristics of the genre: (5 points) *Please cite your sources*

Biographical information about the author: (5 points) *Please cite your sources*

Name _____ Period _____
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Noteworthy/Memorable quotes (5 points each)

Identify THREE significant quotes and then explain the importance of each quote.
(These should be *DIFFERENT* from your quotes about the characters)

Quote 1:

Importance of Quote 1:

Quote 2:

Importance of Quote 2:

Quote 3:

Importance of Quote 3:

Characters: Explain the importance of each of the following characters (6 points each)

1. Ralph

Description (physical AND personality)

Important quote by him/about him: (include page number)

What does Ralph represent in the story? Explain how you know.

2. Jack

Description (physical AND personality)

Important quote by him/about him: (include page number)

What does Jack represent in the story? Explain how you know.

3. Piggy

Description (physical AND personality)

Important quote by him/about him: (include page number)

What does Piggy represent in the story? Explain how you know.

4. Simon

Description (physical AND personality)

Important quote by him/about him: (include page number)

What does Simon represent in the story? Explain how you know.

5. Roger

Description (physical AND personality)

Important quote by him/about him: (include page number)

What does Roger represent in the story? Explain how you know.

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6. The “Beast”

Description (physical AND personality)

Important quote about it: (include page number)

What does “the beast” represent in the story? Explain how you know.

7. The conch shell

Description (physical)

Important quote about it: (include page number)

What does the conch shell represent in the story? Explain how you know.

Themes (5 points each)

Name at least 3 themes that appear in this novel. For each, explain why you feel it is a major theme in this book.

Theme #1 _____

Explanation: _____

Theme #2 _____

Explanation: _____

Theme #3 _____

Explanation: _____

Conflict (5 points each)

Find an example of each of the 4 Major Types of Conflict. For each, explain how it demonstrates that form of conflict.

Type 1: Man vs. Man

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Type 2: Man vs. Nature

Type 3: Man vs. Society

Type 4: Man vs. Self

Final Thoughts, Questions, or Comments: (This part is not graded, but will help me to know things you didn't understand about the book, or anything you think is important that wasn't covered elsewhere on this sheet.)
