



**The Catholic High School of Baltimore
Summer Reading Assignment**

Teacher's Name: Mr. Derosier or Mrs. Mitchell

School Year: 2018-2019

Grade Level: 11

Course Number: 132

Course Name: British Literature

Academic Level (Honors/AP/CP1/CP2/CPA): CP

Reading

Lord of the Flies by William Golding

ISBN Number: 978-0399501487

See the ISBN number above. Please purchase this edition of the novel through Amazon.com (Mass Market Paperback).

Assignment

Respond to **ONE** of the following prompts in an essay. **Your work must be your own. You are not to collaborate with your classmates on any part of this assignment.**

Prompt #1: Ralph experiences a loss of innocence. Describe his character at the beginning of the story, the crises he undergoes that change him, and his character at the end.

Prompt #2: Jack and Ralph are said to represent the clash between authoritarianism and democracy. Show how, and to what extent, each boy's personality does, in fact, represent that claim.

Prompt #3: How do Piggy's glasses, the conch shell, the fire, the sea, and the pig's head function as symbols in this novel?



Essay Formatting

Your essay must be in standard MLA (Modern Language Association) format. You will lose points for an incorrectly formatted essay; in some cases, essays will not be accepted if the format is too far from the MLA standards. If you need to refresh your memory about MLA formatting, you can find information on the MLA format and more general information on academic writing at the following web site: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/747/01/>.

Additional Essay Guidelines

- Your essay must be between one and two pages.
- It must be typed and double-spaced throughout.
- Be sure to observe rules of punctuation and capitalization. Use correct grammatical construction.
- Present clear analysis (Summary is not analysis!), using examples, details, and reasons from the text. An essay that merely summarize the plot of the novel will not receive a good grade.
- Do not write your essay in first or second person.
- Your essay must reflect original thought and initiative.

DUE: Before or on the first day we meet as a class.

Late essays will not be accepted.

There will be an assessment on *Lord of the Flies* when you return to school in September.