

Dear Incoming Honors Sophomores:

Congratulations on reaching the end of your first year of high school. This letter is to let you know about summer reading and your first official homework for Honors English II.

Our first book is *The Lord of the Flies*, by William Golding, which you will read over the summer. In addition, there is a homework assignment which is explained below.

Copies of the book will be available to pick up from the small gym during the week of finals starting the week of June 6th. There are a limited number of books available, so once they're gone, they're gone. If you do not check out a book from the gym, you will need to purchase your own copy.

Many students prefer to buy the book, as it's actually very handy to be able to annotate the book for quotes, etc. and if you decide this is the option you'd like, there is no need to check out the book from the small gym. *Lord of the Flies* is a classic novel, and you can easily find an inexpensive copy at a used bookstore, or online at Amazon, or a site like thriftbooks.com.

Your assignment that goes with the book is as follows:

- Twenty questions and twenty quotes.
- The questions can be about any theme, motive, author's purpose, etc. Avoid asking questions that have *one* correct answer, as these are not useful for class discussion. Choose *open-ended questions*. (Example: *How does Piggy demonstrate maturity in his interactions with the other boys?*)

The quotes should be grouped in these five categories (four quotes for each category): loyalty, friendship, conflict, societal needs vs. individual needs, and survival. We will be using these quotes in a writing assessment the first week of school.

This assignment is due the first day of school in August 2022

When we return to school in August, I will expect you to have *both* the book read and the homework assignment completed. Please take this assignment seriously, or you will be wasting everyone's time. Completing the summer reading and assignment will keep your mind sharp, and demonstrate you are serious about doing well in Honors English II.

PLEASE NOTE: In recent years, there has been a mini "trend" to drop to CP English II at the end of Freshman year, then reappear in Honors the first day of school, or soon thereafter, to avoid the summer reading. **ALL students in Honors II WILL be responsible for the summer reading, so please keep this in mind when planning your schedule.**

Have a good summer and I will see you in August.

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