

## Ninth Grade English Summer Reading Assignment

### 1. Read and annotate *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding

**ANNOTATING simply means marking the page as you read with comments, marks and notes.**

The principle reason you should annotate your books is to aid in understanding. When important passages occur, mark them so that they can be easily located when it comes time to write an essay or respond to the piece of literature. Marking key ideas will enable you to discuss the reading with more support, evidence, and/or proof than if you rely only on memory.

ANNOTATING MAY INCLUDE:

- highlighting key words, phrases or sentences
- writing questions or comments in the margins
- bracketing important ideas or passages
- connecting ideas with lines or arrows
- highlighting passages that are important to understanding the work

HOW TO ANNOTATE A TEXT:

- Highlighting/underlining—Highlighting stands out from the page and allows you to scan a page quickly for information. Be careful not to mark too much. If everything is highlighted, nothing becomes important.
- Brackets [ ]—If several lines seem important, place a bracket around the passage; then highlight or underline only key phrases within the bracketed area. This will draw attention to the passage without cluttering it with too many highlighted or underlined sentences.
- Asterisks \* --An asterisk indicates something unusual, special, or important. Multiple asterisks indicate a stronger degree of importance.
- Marginal notes—Use space in the margin to respond to ideas in the book. Ask questions, label literary elements, summarize critical events, explain ideas, make a comment, and identify characters.

TYPES OF THINGS TO MARK/WRITE IN NOVEL:

- The name of a character the first time he or she is introduced
- Insight into his or her character
- Images, objects, ideas that pop up repeatedly
- Passages relating to the theme
- Symbols: conch, glasses, fire, Lord of the Flies, mask, beast, the “flies,” island, darkness, mountain, forest, beach, dead pilot, Castle Rock, scar
- Passages that indicate the tone (author’s attitude toward the subject)
- Allusions
- Figurative language (similes, metaphors, personification, etc.)
- Passages that indicate the setting and the effect the setting has on the characters and plot
- Words or phrases you don’t understand
- Diction (effective or unusual word choice)
- Possible foreshadowing

### SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT:

1. Annotate *Lord of the Flies* as you read it. This will be your first quiz grade. You should also be prepared for a quiz over the novel and on the first A or B day of school.
2. Write a paper in MLA format on the following prompt. Follow the guidelines listed on the back.

**Paper directions continued:**

\*The nature of evil in humanity has been center of great debate for thousands of years. Write an essay explaining Golding’s beliefs about the evil in men’s hearts as it is expressed in *Lord of the Flies*. Use examples from the novel to illustrate your points.

As you write your paper, compare Golding’s attitude toward the evil in men with the Bible’s teaching. Some verses to consider could be Matthew 7:17, 18; 12:33-35; Mark 7:20-23; Luke 6:45; Romans 6:6; 7:17, 20-25; 8:3-7; Galatians 5:16, 17; Ephesians 2:3; James 1:14. You can also find others that are cross-referenced with these, or by using a concordance.

Some questions that might be addressed: Does humanity have an evil nature? Does humanity have a nature that actively seeks evil, or is it flawed and succumbs to evil? How can humanity fight its nature?

The paper should be one paragraph, with the topic sentence as the thesis statement.

The paragraph paper should contain the following:

One TS - topic sentence

Three CD sentences – concrete detail sentences (specific facts from the story)

Six CM sentences – commentary sentences (analysis, opinion)

Three TE sentences – textual evidence (citations from the book that give evidence to facts/analysis presented)

One CS – concluding sentence (sums up your paragraph)

Every CD sentence needs two CM sentences and one TE sentence. Possible order of sentences:

**Option 1**

TS  
**CD**  
CM  
CM  
TE  
**CD**  
CM  
CM  
TE  
**CD**  
CM  
CM  
TE  
CS

**Option 2**

TS  
**CD**  
CM  
TE  
CM  
**CD**  
CM  
TE  
CM  
**CD**  
CM  
TE  
CM  
CS

This is the minimum requirement. More sentences can be added if needed. The paper should not be more than two pages typed, but must be at least one full page typed. Remember to use MLA format.