

2022-23 Honors English 9 Summer Assignment 1

1. Read *The Lord of the Flies* by William Golding.
2. **Type** your answers to each of the following sections below. Use your best writing skills. Please answer each question with complete sentences. Give as much information as you can for each question, and use the text to solidify your points. Please double space, use Times New Roman, and 12' font.
3. Begin your responses by typing your name and the name of this course (9th Grade Honors English) at the top left margin (not in the header). Answer section in the order listed, and put a number beside each discussion response.
4. Submit your typed answer no later than **June 17, 2022.** You may submit by one of three methods:
 - Send answers in a Google docs or a Word email attachment to bspurgeon@bessemeracademy.com with the subject line of *Lord of the Flies*.
 - Bring the assignment in a sealed envelope to the Bessemer Academy Office BEFORE the deadline.
 - Send the assignment by US mail to Bob Spurgeon, Bessemer Academy, 1705 4th Ave. S.W., Bessemer, AL 35022.

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Part 1: Characters

The main characters represent different types of people in society. In 3-5 sentences for each character, explain what each character represents, and then explain what each character teaches about human beings in general, whether good, bad, or both. Think about the situations they faced in the novel, and let that lead to connection in the real world. Do not simply discuss the characters themselves. Include the following characters:

1. Ralph
2. Jack
3. Simon
4. Piggy
5. Samneric (Sam and Eric)

Part 2 – The Hunts

Identify and describe the hunt listed in the following chapters. Explain how each hunt helps with the breakdown of society and civilization of the boys. Answer each hunt in 3-5 sentences.

Include these chapters:

1. Chapter 1
2. Chapter 3
3. Chapter 4
4. Chapter 8
5. Chapter 9
6. Chapter 12

Part 3 – Theme

For each question, write whether you agree or disagree and explain why you feel this way. Apply each question to the novel. Answer each question in 3-5 sentences.

1. Are people inherently good or evil?
2. Is violence the best way to control society's behavior?
3. Is life a battle between being civilized and savage?
4. Do leaders know more than those they lead, and if so, should they do what's best for those they lead even if it is an unpopular belief?
5. Why do the boys wear "masks" in the novel? How do people in society wear "masks" on a daily basis?