Incoming English 11 Summer Reading Assignment (this does **not** apply for AP Language)

Required Reading: Lord of the Flies by William Golding.
The following assignment is due on the first day of school: **Monday, August 26**. Assignments turned in after this day will lose points for each day submitted past the deadline.
In addition to this assignment, there might be a quiz on Lord of the Flies so you should take this reading assignment seriously over the summer.

Academic English Assignment
Answer the prompt in a well-developed five paragraph essay. Remember that a paragraph is 5-8 full and complete sentences. Essays may be handwritten or typed. If handwritten, the writing must be neat and easy to read; if I cannot read the essay, you must rewrite or type it. If typed, it must be 12 point font, Times New Roman, double spaced.

> Prompt: Choose and discuss **two** different significant symbols from the novel. For **each** symbol, you must address **the following**: 1) the significance of the symbol (what does it mean), 2) why it is symbolic, 3) how that symbol changes over the course of the novel. Make sure to explain **why** the changes to the symbol are significant to how you interpret the novel. Remember that symbols can be objects or characters.

Honors English Assignment
Answer the prompt in a well-developed essay that is a **minimum** of five paragraphs, and address **each** part of the prompt. Remember that a paragraph is 5-8 full and complete sentences. Essays may be handwritten or typed. If handwritten, the writing must be neat and easy to read; if I cannot read the essay, you must rewrite or type it. If typed, it must be 12 point font, Times New Roman, double spaced.

> Prompt: In the novel, Golding suggests that beneath our (society/mankind) supposedly civilized façade lies a savage beast we thought we had tamed. In his notes, Golding claims that "the theme is an attempt to trace the defects of society back to the defects of human nature." What is the nature of Man: at his core, is he basically good, evil, or a blank slate? Think about this in relation to the different characters within the story. What role does the age-old argument of "nature vs nurture" play in the novel?

If you have questions, concerns, need clarification, or want help, please email me throughout the summer. You have 9 weeks of summer, don't wait until the last minute to ask questions about the assignment! There is no leniency for students who show up on the first day of school without the assignment with the excuse that they didn't understand. 9 weeks is plenty of time to read and complete this assignment if you avoid procrastinating as much as possible!

Have a wonderful summer!

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