

Central Magnet School: Summer Reading Assignment 2025

Honors and Advanced Honors English I

- I. Students must read the novel:

Lord of the Flies by William Golding

Summer reading should be completed before school begins. It will be evaluated during the first few weeks of school and will count on your first quarter grade. As you read, be sure to take notes on important characters, events, places, objects, and symbols. **You will take a test over your reading that will require you to discuss specifics from the novel, so you must have a strong knowledge of the novel and thorough notes to study by the beginning of school.**

- II. **In addition to taking notes**, you are also required to devise **ten thought-provoking questions** about any aspect of the novel (characters, events, etc.) to potentially pose to your classmates during discussion. The questions you write must be open-ended and allow your classmates to discuss and debate potential answers **at length** (requiring at least a paragraph for a complete answer). Questions that can be answered in a sentence or two will not suffice. Questions that simply require a “yes” or “no” will receive no credit.

For example, consider the following question: “Compare and contrast the dreams and goals of two different characters. What obstacles impede their achievement of these goals, and how close to they come to achieving them?” This question requires specific examples from the novel and multiple sentences for a full response. Your questions should likewise require a discussion, not a simple answer.

- III. After you have written your ten questions, write a **full response** to **ONE** of your questions. Because these are thought-provoking questions, your response should be a rather lengthy discussion, not a short 2-3 sentence answer. Also, your response should demonstrate a knowledge of the novel as a whole, and it should include specific examples from various parts of the novel in your discussion. See NOTE below.
- IV. Your questions and response will have to be typed in a Word document. **In class the first week of school, we will talk about how to format it before you turn it in.**

NOTE: In your response, you must provide specific examples from the novel (dialogue, situations, actions that characters take) to support your ideas. Also, avoid discussion questions that simply ask for speculation, like questions that start with “What would happen if...” or “How would the novel be different if...” While it’s fun to speculate, in a novel discussion, you need to be able to use **actual examples from the text** to support an answer, not just guesses about how something could turn out or be different.

Remember, your work on this assignment is an opportunity to give a strong first impression of the work you will do this year. It should represent your best work.