

SUMMER READING STUDY GUIDE FOR INCOMING SOPHOMORES

Incoming sophomores will be expected to read:

THE LORD OF THE FLIES by William Golding

This study guide must be completed by the second day of school. Students should write all answers neatly on this study guide.

William Golding's book which appeared in 1955 is about the adventures of young boys stranded on a coral island. The boys try to set up a code of behavior or moral system, but other "dark" forces cause conflicts in this sunny paradise. Golding explores the nature of man's corruption and finds that it comes from within.

1. Look up the definitions of these words from the book.

effulgence

enmity

conch

diaphragm

suffusion

virtuous

canopy

contemptuously

conspiratorial

derisive

tacitly

incrimination

gesticulating

diffidently

guano

imperious

indignant

assimilating

tendrils

anonymity

inimical

ululation

2. Write a paragraph describing each of these characters: Piggy, Ralph, and Jack. In the paragraph describe each one's appearance, habits, speech, clothing, family background, and values and beliefs.

3. Explain whether you think the three main characters are believable or not.

Jack: 1.

2.

3.

Piggy: 1.

2.

3.

Ralph: 1.

2.

3.

7. List four other minor characters in the book, and tell one important thing about each.

8. What is the “lord of the flies?” Use the quote from the book which helped you understand the term.

9. Which main character in the book are you most like?

10. What three insights into life or human nature do you gain through the characters?

11. How is the setting of the island important to the events and outcome of the novel?

12. As a Christian, do you agree with the writer's message? Explain your response.