SUMMER READING

The Lord of the Flies

Step 1: Short Responses

Annotate the text using Post-it Notes. Look to the back of this sheet for an explanation of how to analyze the text using this strategy. The notes should be placed inside the book on the accompanying pages.

Step 2: Long Responses

Choose five long passages from throughout the novel, one for about every 40 pages of text. Passages should be about a half-page in length. Copy the passage into a notebook.

- Respond to one of the questions listed in the box to the right. You should address each of the questions, one per passage. Your response should answer the question AND should comment on how the passage builds on (or relates to) previous parts of the novel. Be sure to incorporate at least two pieces of evidence from the passage itself. Responses should be about 12-15 sentences in length.

Questions to Consider

A. What does the passage reveal about how a specific character is developing?

B. What theme is apparent in the passage, and how does the passage comment on that theme?

C. How is imagery used to develop the setting, and how is the setting significant to larger concerns of the novel?

D. How is the passage significant to the plot of the story, and what will be the impact of this event(s)?

E. What conflict is developed in the passage, and how do you expect the conflict to be resolved?
Annotating with Post-it Notes

Using Post-it Notes is a great way to annotate a text. For each 5 pages you read, write at least one note. Your responses should be varied so that you are using multiple reading strategies to access the text. Label each post it to tell the response strategy. Consider the following types of response:

**edium Elements:**

- **Characterization**: How are characters revealed to the reader?
- **Setting**: What do you notice about the time and place of the novel?
- **Plot**: Identify key points in the text. Explain their significance.
- **Theme**: What does this story seem to be about on a deeper level?
- **Conflict**: Identify key conflicts in the text. Try to hypothesize a possible outcome of the conflict.

**Quotes**: Locate a quote that seems important to the text. Explain how or why it seems important to you.

**Questions**: What questions arise as you read? Open-ended questions always lead to better conversation.

**Literary Devices**: Provide an example of a device (symbolism, irony, metaphor, etc.), and tell why the author uses it.

**Language**: What elements of language stand out? How might the word usage be significant? Consider tone, syntax, and style.

**Connection**: How does the novel relate to the world outside the text?

**Personal Response**: How does the novel relate to your own life and experience?

Sample Post Its

**Literary Device**: The imagery used in this section makes the island seem like a kind of paradise. Words like “shimmering” and “shades of blue” show a welcoming setting.

**Characterization**: They way the boys respond shows their fear of Jack. Jack rules with intimidation and enjoys wielding power over others.

**Questions**: Why does the Navy officer look down on the boys? Is he surprised by what the boys have done? Should he be?