

Red Bank Regional High School
English III CP
Summer Reading Assignment

Please write an organized *paragraph* for each of the questions below. Each paragraph needs to cite references from the text for support. This will be graded as a major assignment upon arrival to school. These paragraphs are due **on the first day of school**. Make sure that the answers are typed and grammatically correct.

George Orwell's 1984

1. What are the three slogans of the Party? Are these slogans paradoxes (and therefore true in a sense) or simply contradictions (and therefore not true in any sense)?
2. Explain the meaning of the following quotation: "Whoever controls the media controls reality." (Peter Jennings, ABC News, statement made in June 1989, when all foreign journalists were expelled from Tiananmen Square in Beijing, China.) How is this concept demonstrated in *1984*? Do you think this could happen in our society today? Why or why not?
3. Why does Winston find the obese, hardened woman of fifty, who is hanging clothes behind the antique shop, beautiful?

William Golding's Lord of the Flies

4. In Chapter One, how does Golding let the reader know that the island, which the boys believe is a paradise, is a dangerous place?
5. Why does Simon's role as a visionary make him an outcast in the group? What other visionaries have been outcasts in their societies? Why?
6. Compare and contrast Ralph's use of power with Jack's use of power.
7. Golding writes, "The mask was a thing on its own, behind which Jack hid, liberated from shame and self-consciousness" (64). Explain the significance of this quotation. Does the mask truly "liberate" Jack? If Jack wears the mask because of shame, how does shame relate to violence? Discuss the connection between shame and violence throughout the novel.

"The moral to be drawn from this dangerous nightmare situation is a simple one: Don't let it happen. It depends on you."

-George Orwell commenting on 1984

"The moral is that the shape of a society must depend upon the ethical nature of the individual and not on any political system however apparently logical or respectable."

-William Golding commenting on Lord of the Flies

8. How does each novel convey the importance of individual responsibility?

