

English III Summer Reading Assignment

“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

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.

William Golding’s Lord of the Flies

In Chapter One, how does Golding let the reader know that the island, which the boys believe is a paradise, is a dangerous place?

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?

Compare and contrast Ralph’s use of power with Jack’s use of power.

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?

How does the novel convey the importance of individual responsibility?