***Lord of the Flies*** Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Essay Prompts English 10 CP**

Please expand on one of the following topics in a well organized, insightful, five-paragraph essay:

* Throughout *Lord of the Flies*, Ralph and Jack engage in a power struggle. Analyze this conflict between these two characters: your analysis could include the reasons for this conflice, the consequences of this conflict to Ralph and Jack and/or other characters, the ultimate relationship between this conflict and the boys’ society on the island, etc.
* Simon can be viewed as a character who can see the truth about the world he lives in, a truth that other humans can’t seem to see. Examine and analyze Simon’s character and his ability to see the truth; your analysis could include why Golding chose to have a character who can understand the truth, why and how Simon is different from the other boys, how Simon’s ability to see the truth affects him personally.
* In *Lord of the Flies*, William Golding writes about the “essential illness of mankind.” Examine and analyze this “illness” that Golding presents in his novel. If you choose this prompt, you should be considering Golding’s view of human beings and society.

For whichever topic you choose, it is your job to create a thesis statement that you would like to work with and prove. We’ll be working on this process in class.

Your paper ***MUST*** include:

* proper MLA format (for help consult <http://owl.english.purdue.edu>)
* specific supporting evidence from the play that supports your thesis
* at least ONE quotation in EACH body paragraph that analyzes the text to support your evidence and connect it to your thesis
* a work cited page written in proper MLA format (follow the example I’ve provided at the beginning of the year, rather than using NoodleBib).

**Don’t forget:**

* An analytical paper is ***NEVER*** written in the first person (avoid “I”, “me”, “my,” etc.)
* Essays about literature are always written in the ***present tense*** even if the events you are discussing happened in the past
* **Proofread**!
* To submit your essay to turnitin.com **(automatic five point deduction for papers not turned in to turnitin!)**
* When you hand in your final draft, you will be responsible for handing in all components of the essay including graphic organizers, rough draft, peer editing sheets, this assignment sheet and the final draft.

*✍ Paper must be double spaced, 12 point font (Times New Roman) with 1” margins!*

**Dates:**

Days to Work in Class:

Final Draft Due: