

Dear Ninth Grade Students and Parents:

Welcome to Ninth Grade English! This summer you will be required to read two books to fulfill your summer reading obligation. **Students entering 9th grade must complete by the first day of school, August 12, 2019, both required books.** The specific guidelines for students entering 9th grade are outlined below:

1. Read the required 9th grade book, *Sherlock Holmes: The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. The written assignment will accompany this reading and the book will be discussed in the fall.
2. ***In addition to this book***, students must also read *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding. Complete reading it by the first day of school, August 12, 2019.
3. Students must complete the attached written assignment for *Sherlock Holmes: The Hound of the Baskervilles* and turn it in on the first day of school, August 12, 2019. Students intending to enroll in the honors section of the course must also complete the assignment for *Lord of the Flies*. This assignment will also be due on the first day of school.
4. **Turn in the written assignment(s) on the first day of school, August 12, 2019.** The written assignment will be graded for neatness and accuracy. **There will be a 10% grade reduction in the grade for each day the assignment is late.** A major test covering both novels will be given the first week of school; therefore, we suggest that you wait until closer to the start of the year to read the required book and complete the written assignment.

If you have any questions, please email Ms. Dillon at kdillon@ccgvca.org during the summer. Have a safe and happy summer and enjoy your summer reading.

Sincerely,

Kathleen M. Dillon

High School English Department

Summer Reading Assignment for 9th Grade English

Ms. Dillon

kdillon@ccgvca.org

Directions: Type the answers to the following sections according to MLA standards. This assignment will be due on the first day of school. There will be a test on the book on the second day of school.

- I. **Find five quotes for each character that provide some insight into the following characters. (Be sure to cite the page number where the quote is.) Explain whether each quote is direct or indirect characterization and why. See below for the definitions of direct and indirect characterization.**

Direct Characterization: The narrator tells the reader what to think: *Tom was a good guy.*

Indirect Characterization: The narrator *shows* the reader what to think: *Tom worked two jobs to support his family. No matter how tired he was, he always made time for his children.*

- Sherlock Holmes
- Dr. Watson
- Mr. Jack Stapleton
- Sir Henry Baskerville
- Mr. Mortimer
- Miss Stapleton

LORD OF THE FLIES HONORS ASSIGNMENT

Honors Assignment: As you read the novel, keep the following journal in a writing folder or a writing section in your binder. Simply write “Lord of the Flies Writing Journal” at the top of Page 1. For each chapter heading, write a heading just as the heading is in the novel itself. In addition, add a creative title of your own for each chapter.

THE CHARACTER YOU ARE IS _____ IN LORD OF
THE FLIES BY WILLIAM GOLDING

In your writing folder you will keep a journal as one of the characters in this story. (In other words, you are the character.) After you have read each chapter, consider what is going on in your character’s mind. Write one to three paragraphs for each chapter -- describing your reactions (as the character) to the sequence of events as they occur. This should have you journaling each day in the voice of the character you are assigned. [Note: a good guideline for paragraphs is 7 to 12 sentences]

I am looking for higher order thinking on this assignment! What is the character’s reflection on the dilemma(s) that he faces in each chapter. I DO NOT want plot summaries; I can read the book and summarize it – I want your viewpoint on how this character thinks and on what this character feels. Write in first person point of view, using the “I” form