

# Summer Reading Assignment

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Congratulations on your acceptance into the Honors English program at Alta Loma High School. You are privileged to be a part of such a challenging and exciting program. Your first assignment is to read *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding. You will be annotating this novel as you read. Annotating is simply a way for you to interact with and think about the text. To do this you will be marking up the book with notes, comments, questions, etc. A more detailed explanation of annotating is included at the bottom of the page. Do not do this to a library copy. You will need to purchase this novel from a bookstore or online. When you return in the fall, you will be asked to analyze and evaluate your annotations in the novel, so please be thorough. Make sure to have a fun and safe summer in between. We are looking forward to meeting you and having a great year together.

See you soon,

Mrs. Miller/ Mr. Rubel

We have pre-ordered books from the Barnes and Nobles in Rancho. When there, go to the purchasing counter and ask for the book. It is being held under the name Miller for Alta Loma High School.

*Lord of the Flies:* #1573226122/publisher – Putnam

## *Annotation Directions and Suggestions:*

Annotating is a little different for everyone so you will come up with your own system of organizing your annotations. Here are some guidelines to think about and follow.

- ✎ Bracket or highlight passages that seem important to character development or plot.
- ✎ Underline vocabulary words of which you are unsure and define in the margin.
- ✎ Summarize each chapter.
- ✎ At the top of each page, give key words to aid in summary or mark where themes are developed.
- ✎ Cross reference pages in margins. This means that you mark where things relate to each other or repeat.
- ✎ Make notes in the margins of possible symbols and other meanings you find.
- ✎ On the inside cover, make a list of characters.
- ✎ Make a map, if relevant, or a key to your annotation markings.
- ✎ **MOST IMPORTANT!!!** Make notes of your own thoughts on any issue whenever possible. This includes your opinions of characters, questions about plot, reactions to events, quick summaries, and any thoughts that occur while you are reading.

**You will know you are doing enough when every page has some writing on it.**