

**CORNELIA CONNELLY SCHOOL
SUMMER ASSIGNMENT FOR HONORS ENGLISH II**

- Read *Lord of the Flies, Casebook Edition* (ISBN 0399506438) by William Golding (ed. James R. Baker and Arthur P. Ziegler). Also read “Introduction” by EM Forester (p. 207), “ Introduction” by Ian Gregor and Mark Kinkead-Weekes (p. 235), and “Men of Smaller Growth” by Claire Rosenfield (p. 261).
- Please note: we will begin the year writing our research paper on *Lord of the Flies*.
- We will have a test the first day of class on the book and essays.
- Answer the following questions in well thought out paragraphs (proper MLA style, of course!):
 - The sow’s head and the conch shell each wield a certain kind of power over the boys. In what ways do these objects’ powers differ? In what way is *Lord of the Flies* a novel about power?
 - Compare and contrast Ralph and Simon. Both seem to be “good” characters. Is there a difference in their goodness?
 - Compare and contrast the two Introductions you read. What do you think is the most important difference? Most important similarity?
 - What is Claire Rosenfield’s thesis? Do you agree with her? Why or why not?