



# Summer Reading: Grade 9

## Required Reading

### Introduction to Literature and Composition

*Lord of the Flies* by William Golding (ISBN-13: 978-0399501487)

- Read and annotate your book using the English department guidelines found on page two of this document.
- **Due date:** the book should be read and annotated by **Friday, August 15.**

### Honors Introduction to Literature and Composition

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*Into the Wild* by John Krakauer (ISBN-13: 978-0385486804)

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# Strategies for Annotation

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- What is it?
    - Annotation is a reading strategy designed to help you focus in on key details in a book and gather evidence for discussions and assignments.
  - Why do it?
    - It serves a few purposes:
      - Firstly, it is a bit easier than constantly taking notes while reading. When you get to an important point in the text, you can just write directly or put a sticky note on the page, keep reading and go back to it later to make notes on it.
      - Secondly, it makes it very easy to go to important parts of the text when you need to (when participating in Socratic Seminar, constructing book notes or writing an essay).
1. Circle any unfamiliar words. Then look them up, and write down the definition. (Hack: If you get the dictionary.com app, you can look up the word in two seconds.)
  2. Use question marks to indicate areas of uncertainty.
  3. Use exclamation points to indicate something dramatic or a key turning point.
  4. Circle or highlight character names any time they are introduced for the first time. Keep a list on the inside cover of the book of all the characters and their traits. Add to this list as new characters are introduced, or as you learn more about existing characters.
  5. Write your notes in the margins
  6. Paraphrase (summarize) each chapter after you finish reading it. You only need a few sentences to do this. Write it down on the first page of the chapter.
  7. Write down any questions you have about the text – either questions you’re willing to wait to find out the answer to as you read further, or questions you want to bring up to your teacher in class the next day.
  8. Use a color coded system to keep up with themes, symbols, ironies, motifs, etc. Mark the inside of the book with your color key. (Ex: purple = theme, orange = foreshadowing, green = symbols)