

## Summer Reading Junior Honors

Welcome to the Junior Honors English class! The main theme of the Junior Honors course is Scapegoat in literature. A scapegoat is a person or group that is made to take the blame for something, even when the thing is completely out of anyone's control. An example would be Tom Robinson in *To Kill a Mockingbird*, or Tessie in Shirley Jackson's *The Lottery*.

### Assignment

Read *Lord of the Flies* and take notes on the following:

- Explain the title of each of the chapters. This should be complete and ready for submission by the first day of school
- Identify scapegoating in the novel as it applies to characters or groups. I will be looking for your own notes the first week of school.

Then, in an 800+ word essay (2.5-3 pages), identify elements of scapegoating within *Lord of the Flies*. Your essay should show how these elements work together to develop a central theme, idea, or message within the novel. Is there an overall purpose, or effect of this scapegoating?

Successful essays will have:

- A clear thesis statement
- Topic sentences
- Evidence from the novel to support your ideas
- Clear connections between body paragraphs
- An intro and conclusion
- MLA format

This essay will be due on the first Monday of the new school year.

Please bring your reading notes to class on the first day of school.