

*Lord of the Flies*  
Development of a Theme Essay

1. Reread each of the following essay prompts that we have discussed in class:
  - a. Analyze how Golding develops the theme of evil with everyone through the use of symbols, imagery, irony and/or characterization in *Lord of the Flies*.
  - b. Analyze how Golding develops the theme of fear of the unknown through the use of symbols, imagery, irony and/or characterization in *Lord of the Flies*.
  - c. Analyze how Golding develops the theme of the descent into savagery through the use of symbols, imagery, irony and/or characterization in *Lord of the Flies*.
  - d. Analyze how Golding develops the theme of the dualistic quality of mankind and nature through the use of symbols, imagery, irony and/or characterization in *Lord of the Flies*.
  - e. Analyze how Golding develops the theme of the abuse of power through the use of symbols, imagery, irony and/or characterization in *Lord of the Flies*.
  
2. Highlight the prompt that you feel you have the most to write about.
  
3. Review your literary analysis work on the novel and your annotations to find as many examples that to support your chosen theme. (Complete Pre-write form).
  
4. Decide how Golding develops your chosen theme throughout his novel.
  - a. Choose one literary element that supports this theme: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Choose 2<sup>nd</sup> literary element that supports this theme: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Choose a third literary element that supports this theme: \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Remember, you have to have at least two examples per body paragraph to support your thesis
  - e. You will be having a minimum of three body paragraphs in this essay
  
5. Write a thesis statement for your whole essay using the following format:
  - a. In Lord of the Flies, Golding uses \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ in order to show \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. In the first three blanks, you should put the literary elements that Golding uses to develop his theme
  - c. In the 4<sup>th</sup> blank, you should put his **purpose** in writing about this theme (NOT JUST THE THEME).
  
6. Your essay will use the following format:

**First paragraph: Introduction to topic, summary of *Lord of the Flies*, and thesis**  
**Second paragraph: What is the first way that Golding develops this theme?**  
**Third paragraph: What is the second way that Golding develops this theme?**  
**Fourth paragraph: What is the third way that Golding develops this theme?**  
**Fifth paragraph: Conclusion – restate main ideas, thesis, and what is the BIG IDEA (why is this important?)**

7. Write an outline for your essay:

- I. Introduction:
  - a. Attention Getter
  - b. 2 sentence summary of *Lord of the Flies*
  - c. Thesis (copy from #5)
  
- II. Body Paragraph #1: First way Golding develops theme –
  - a. Topic sentence (Insight)
  - b. Quote: what quote will you use? (Support)
  - c. Analysis: how is your quote an example of the literary element? (Purpose)
  - d. Analysis: how does your quote support your topic sentence and thus, your thesis? (Purpose)
  - e. Quote: what quote will you use? (Support)
  - f. Analysis: how is your quote an example of the literary element? (Purpose)
  - g. Analysis: how does your quote support your topic sentence and thus, your thesis? (Purpose)
  
- III. Body Paragraph #2: Second way Golding develops theme –
  - a. Topic sentence (Insight)
  - b. Quote: what quote will you use? (Support)
  - c. Analysis: how is your quote an example of the literary element? (Purpose)
  - d. Analysis: how does your quote support your topic sentence and thus, your thesis? (Purpose)
  - e. Quote: what quote will you use? (Support)
  - f. Analysis: how is your quote an example of the literary element? (Purpose)
  - g. Analysis: how does your quote support your topic sentence and thus, your thesis? (Purpose)
  
- IV. Body Paragraph #3: Third way Golding develops theme –
  - a. Topic sentence (Insight)
  - b. Quote: what quote will you use? (Support)
  - c. Analysis: how is your quote an example of the literary element? (Purpose)
  - d. Analysis: how does your quote support your topic sentence and thus, your thesis? (Purpose)
  - e. Quote: what quote will you use? (Support)
  - f. Analysis: how is your quote an example of the literary element? (Purpose)
  - g. Analysis: how does your quote support your topic sentence and thus, your thesis? (Purpose)
  
- V. Conclusion Paragraph
  - a. restate thesis
  - b. Summarize Details
  - c. What is the big idea? Why is this important?

Remember:

1. Never use “I,” “you,” or “we,” when analyzing literature.
2. End the first paragraph with a strong thesis (Use the one I just gave you!)
3. Use quotes to support your thesis.
4. Use MLA citation to cite your quote. (Golding 42).
5. Do NOT summarize the novel instead of analyzing.