



English 2201

Lord of the Flies Essay Topics



Your demand essay is on _____.

You will be expected to write at least 2 - 2 1/2 pages and should prepare accordingly. The following topics stem directly from class discussion and from your note-taking assignment; therefore, you should be able to discuss each of them confidently. One will be the topic for your in-class essay

- “However Simon thought of the beast – there rose before his inward sight the picture of a human at once heroic and sick.” With detailed reference to AT LEAST TWO characters, discuss this quotation as a theme of the novel *Lord of the Flies*.
- By the end of the novel, Ralph has changed greatly since he first landed on the island. Discuss Ralph’s character development with specific references to his experiences described in the novel *Lord of the Flies*.
- Golding’s novel is highly symbolic. Explain the **significance** of any FOUR of the following symbols by making specific reference to the author’s development of each symbol as he describes the events on the island. Please be sure to write your answer in essay format. (Your teacher will choose four of the following for the test.)
 - The conch
 - Piggy’s glasses
 - The dead parachutist
 - The island
 - The masks
 - The pig’s head
 - The weather
- Golding, in his novel *Lord of the Flies*, describes a steady deterioration from civilization to savagery through the use of symbol and motif. Discuss this statement with references to THREE symbols and/or motifs from the novel.
- Atmosphere is an important element of the novel *Lord of the Flies*. The atmosphere of this novel is established in the opening chapters and is intensified as the plot progresses. Identify and discuss THREE methods and/or incidents which best contribute to the development the atmosphere

