

# PILLOW ACADEMY 2019 SUMMER READING

## 2019 Pillow Academy Summer Reading 12<sup>th</sup> Grade (English IV)



Rising 12th graders will read two books this summer: One book is required, and the other selection is a book of choice. A test will be given on the required book on the first full day of school. An assignment (to be completed over the summer) for the book of choice will be due on the first half day of school.

### Required book:

#### ***Lord of the Flies* by William Golding**

At the dawn of the next world war, a plane crashes on an uncharted island, stranding a group of schoolboys. At first, with no adult supervision, their freedom is something to celebrate. This far from civilization they can do anything they want. Anything. But as order collapses, as strange howls echo in the night, as terror begins its reign, the hope of adventure seems as far removed from reality as the hope of being rescued.

- Read ***Lord of the Flies*** by William Golding.
- You may find it helpful to take margin notes as you read.
- Pay attention to the author's style and purpose, characterization, symbols, themes, conflict, setting, and tone.
- Finally, consider how the main character's conflict or dilemma may be a commentary on a larger issue by the author.
- A test on the book will be given on the first full day of school in August.

### 12th grade options for book of choice:

Choose ONE book from the [2019-2020 Pillow Academy Summer Reading Book of Choice List for Grades 10-12](#) OR the list of [British Literary Works](#). See Mrs. Brock for her approval of your choice. Selections are due by Friday, May 17. Students will complete the [Summer Reading Major Work Data Sheet](#) as their assignment for this novel. Completed book of choice assignments are due on the first half day of school.

*\* Please Note: Summer reading selections are chosen based on literary merit and with high academic standards in mind. The books assigned by the English department at Pillow Academy represent a mix of classic and contemporary literature. Many books address complex situations and may contain adult themes and language. The attempt to expose students to challenging topics and issues is intended to serve as opportunities for students to think, theorize, question, and explore.*