



AMHS Honors English 2 2022 Summer Reading

All 10th graders take Honors English 2

Rationale:

This year's summer reading assignment prepares students for in-depth analysis of both the *craft* (how the author uses **literary techniques and devices**) and the *commentary* (the possible **themes** and **interpretations** of the works) of two novels during the first weeks of school. These novels will be the basis of a review of the elements of fiction, and students will identify structural and thematic patterns as we begin our work together.

Please purchase a **hard copy** of *Lord of the Flies* (no e-books will be accepted); you may also purchase a copy of *Brave New World*, but it will be available for checkout from your freshman English class. If you are new to AMHS, you may call the office to pick up a copy of the latter. Read each novel in its entirety before the first day of school.

If you read the novels early in summer break, take some time to refresh and review the texts before school begins. You should develop your own **system of annotation**, either by taking notes, using color coded comments, Post-It Notes, etc. You will not be assessed on your annotations, but thoughtful annotations will help you with the first assignments of the year.

- 1. Aldous Huxley, *Brave New World***
- 2. William Golding, *Lord of the Flies***

Expect to be assessed on the content of the novels within the first week.