

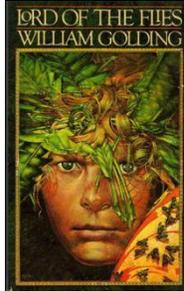
**Waterford High School English Department**  
**12AP - ENGLISH LITERATURE & COMPOSITION**  
**2019-2020 Summer Reading & Writing Assignment**

Welcome!

- You are responsible for completing **two reading** and **two writing assignments** to begin the year in our 12AP English class. The writing assignments will be checked on the first day our class meets. Within the first week of classes, assessments on the two readings will be administered.
- You are *strongly* advised to begin this assignment immediately. As you read the books, take notes on setting, character, theme, plot, symbolism, or anything else that strikes you as significant.

**THE READING ASSIGNMENT - TWO NOVELS:**

**1. REQUIRED TEXT** - *The Lord of the Flies* by William Golding

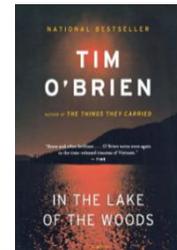
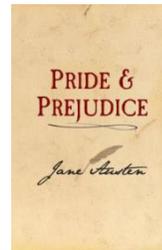


**2. AND ONE WORK from the following choices:**

- *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen

OR

- *In the Lake of the Woods* by Tim O'Brien



**THE WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS - TWO COLLEGE ESSAYS:**

Most universities require you to write a **personal narrative**. Your essay must be authentic (i.e. it must *genuinely* represent you); it must be flawless (no typos, spelling or grammatical errors); and it must draw the reader into your life with an anecdote or a description that reveals something about you. Avoid merely telling, *show* your reader *who you are as a person*. It is appropriate to write in the first person point of view. Use language that reflects your voice, but avoid colloquialisms, slang, and clichés!

**DIRECTIONS:** choose **ANY TWO** of the following personal narrative topics (from either A, or B, or both). Type the **EXACT WORDING** of the prompt, including the prompt's word limit, at the start of your essay. Follow the instructions below. Type your essay using strict MLA formatting: 12pt, Times New Roman font, double spaced, etc. Provide a standard MLA heading on the top left side of the page. Give the word count in parentheses at the end of each essay.

- Write a **college admissions essay** for a specific school of your choice (locate the on-line application as soon as possible). Before you start your essay, type up the exact wording of the essay prompt, the name of the school, and length requirement. (This information is not part of your essay's word count.)
- Common Application essay:**  
The essay demonstrates your ability to write succinctly on a selected topic and enables you to express yourself in your own voice. Ask yourself what you want the readers of your application to know about you, apart from courses, grades, and test scores. Choose the option that best helps you to answer that question and write an essay of no more than 650 words, using the prompt to inspire and structure your response. Remember: 650 words is your limit, not your goal. Use the full range if you need it, but don't feel obliged to do so. (The application won't accept a response shorter than 250 words.)

*The Common Application essay prompts are on the next page:*

## **2019-2020 Common Application Essay Prompts**

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
  2. The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
  3. Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?
  4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma - anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
  5. Discuss an accomplishment, event, or realization that sparked a period of personal growth and a new understanding of yourself or others.
  6. Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?
  7. Share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you've already written, one that responds to a different prompt, or one of your own design.
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