

Lord of the Flies Essay Prompts- An Annotation/Cornell Notes Guide

Directions: Use these prompts to annotate the novel. Your annotations should also reflect your understanding and use of the response to literature reading strategies. At the conclusion of this unit, you will be writing an in class timed response to literature. Because the essay is your summative assessment of this novel, it is in your best interest to have annotations/notes that demonstrate thoughtful insight and critical/ analytical thinking.

Prompt#1:

In the novel, Golding's characters represent much more than just little boys stranded on an island. Choose three characters from the novel and explain with evidence each character's symbolic nature.

Prompt#2:

Golding uses his novel to explain certain faults and weaknesses of society and humankind. Choose one of the following themes to discuss in your essay. Use details from the entire text to support your thesis.

Themes:

- Tracing the defects of society back to the defects of human nature.
- People are inherently evil/ the sinful nature of man
- Loss of innocence
- Conflict between civilization and concealed basic wildness/ savagery

Prompt #3:

Symbolism is just one literary technique that Golding has used to create this complex and "beautifully woven . . . web." Choose three symbols depicted in the novel and discuss its development throughout the novel.