**Honors English 9 Summer Checklist**

The goal of our Honors English 9 class is very simple: improve your reading and writing skills to prepare you for upper-level high school and college classes. This year you will be reading and writing at a higher level. To begin this process you will have summer work to complete.

Be sure to complete the list below BEFORE the first day of school next year. If you have questions please email either Mr. Townsend at ttownsend@barbertonschools.org or Ms. Smith at kasmith@barbertonschools.org.

-Read Lord of the Flies by William Golding

Note: This book is available at all major booksellers as well as online, and it can be bought for a

reasonable price.

-Take notes over the book that include details of who, what, when, where, and why. Also, write down opinions and thoughts as you go. These notes will be checked for a 20 point grade at the beginning of the school year. You are in charge of how many notes and thoughts you write down. However, know that you may be allowed to use the notes in completing certain assignments over the book.

-Read up on MLA format. We will be formatting all of our writing in this format. Mr. Townsend and Ms. Smith will show you examples and help you understand the purpose of this format, but take some time to read about it over the summer. Visit the following website for more information: Purdue Online Writing Lab (OWL). There will be no quiz or test over this material, but you will be expected to know and understand it throughout next school year.

-Lastly, note that next year we will be using technology in our class. We will be using the following websites and programs daily throughout the school year:

Google.com (which includes Classroom, Google Docs, and other Google utilities)

The Purdue Online Writing Lab

PowerPoint or Google Slides

Typing skills will be a plus!

Have a great summer break!!!