

## **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 Mr. Townsend at [ttownsend@barbertonschools.org](mailto:ttownsend@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. As well, you may borrow this book from Mr. Townsend. Please stop by the high school before the end of this school year to pick it up from room 221. Please make arrangements Mr. Townsend via email or phone to ensure that someone is there to assist you.

- 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 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 \(OWL\)](http://www.purdue.edu/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.

- Students will need two notebooks and one folder for my class as well as a writing utensil every day.

- Lastly, note that next year we will be using a tremendous amount of technology and the internet 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!!! – Mr. Townsend**