

Mr. Wolf 8th Grade - Challenger Middle School
Lord of the Flies
Argumentative Essay

Choose one of the prompts below to write an argumentative essay regarding Golding's intentions in writing *Lord of the Flies*.

1. Make a solid argument for who is the better leader, Jack or Ralph.
2. Agree with or argue against the idea that Golding's intentions in writing *Lord of the Flies* was to show that all humans have a distinct character flaw that, when left unchecked by the morals and laws of society, will eventually corrupt the individual.
3. Argue that man is born evil and needs society to keep him in check, or argue that man is born innocent and is corrupted by society.
4. Write an argument in response to the following question: Who is ultimately responsible for the destruction of the island?

In order to prove your thesis, you will need specific examples from the novel. You are **ARE REQUIRED** to have concrete details and parenthetical citations in this paper. A failure to cite quoted or paraphrased material will be considered plagiarism, and reflect serious grade deductions.

POINTS TO PONDER

Your introductory paragraph should include:

1. Hook- quote, question, personal anecdote that will engage the audience
2. Subject/Topic- A couple of lines BRIEFLY summarizing the book and highlighting your topic.
3. Thesis- A THESIS STATEMENT WHERE YOU CLEARLY STATE YOUR ARGUMENT WITHOUT USING THE WORD "I"!

You should have an "objection" (counter-claims) paragraph where you address and refute the opposing side of your argument immediately following your introductory paragraph. This paragraph must be written in proper paragraph form.

You should have two body paragraphs (besides the opposition paragraph) dedicated to defending your own argument. These paragraphs must be written in proper paragraph form (8 sentences).

You should have a conclusion where you restate your argument, make your final points, and sum up by reiterating your thesis.

1. Link- restate hook
2. Re-state thesis
3. Twist- Finals statement that makes the reader nod in approval

Your paper will most likely be somewhere between 3-4 pages long.

You must have your thesis statement approved by me before you may begin writing your paper!!! This is for your benefit! Do not skip this step! You will receive a grade!

Rough Draft DUE TUESDAY, January 15th- Bring a hard copy of essay for peer review.

Final Draft DUE FRIDAY January 18th- Submit to turnitin.com 8AM.

12 pt / Times New Roman / 3-5 pages / Double Spaced / MLA format / MLA Bibliography

Thesis:

I. Introduction

- A. Hook-
- B. Subject/Topic-
- C. Thesis-

II. –Counterclaim/s

- A. TS-
- B. CD-
 - 1. CM-
 - 2. CM-
- C. CD-
 - 1. CM-
 - 2. CM-
- D. CS-

III. –Claim

- A. TS-
- B. CD-
 - 1. CM-
 - 2. CM-
- C. CD-
 - 1. CM-
 - 2. CM-
- D. CS-

IV. –Claim

- A. TS-
- B. CD-
 - 1. CM-
 - 2. CM-
- C. CD-
 - 1. CM-
 - 2. CM-
- D. CS-

V. Conclusion

- A. Link-
- B. Re-state thesis-
- C. Twist-