Dear Rising 10th Grade Students,

As the school year comes to an end, we wanted to take a moment to encourage you to spend some of your summer reading books. While summer is often associated with fun and relaxation, it is also a great opportunity to dive into a good book and expand your knowledge and imagination.

We strongly suggest that you consider reading *Lord of the Flies*, a classic novel that has captured the attention of readers for generations. The book explores the complex nature of human behavior and the dangers of mob mentality. It's a thought-provoking and intense read that will challenge your perceptions of society and human nature. We will also use this novel during our first unit, so even a cursory reading of the text will assist you as we delve deeper into the text.

However, please note that this is not a requirement. You are free to choose any book that is age-appropriate and aligns with your interests. Reading is a personal and enjoyable experience, and I encourage you to find a book that excites you and keeps you engaged throughout the summer. We ask that if you choose to read *Lord of the Flies*, or any other novel, that you also complete the attached Major Works Data Sheet.

Reading books also has numerous benefits, such as improving vocabulary, comprehension, and critical thinking skills. It's a great way to enhance your academic performance and prepare for the upcoming school year. Additionally, reading books can provide an escape from the stresses of daily life and allow you to explore new worlds and perspectives.

We hope you will take my advice and make reading a part of your summer routine. Whether you choose to read *Lord of the Flies* or another book, we are confident that you will find the experience rewarding and enjoyable.

Sincerely,

Mr. Sanacore and Ms. Schiappa

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