

Lord of the Flies Argumentative Essay

Prompt: The essential question is as follows:

Are we all individuals meant to operate for and of ourselves, or are we all pieces of a giant jigsaw puzzle of humanity?

In your essay, you will be arguing what Golding believes based on the evidence presented in the novel. In other words, based on the events of *LOTF*, does Golding believe we are meant to operate for and of ourselves, or does he believe we all pieces of a giant jigsaw puzzle?

Schedule:

_____ Essay Outline Due

_____ Papers are due PRINTED

Formating:

When formatting your essay for this unit, I would like to remind you of the following:

- All final essays must be typed in 12 point Arial or Times New Roman font
- Make sure your work is double-spaced
- Include the appropriate MLA header
- Always discuss events in the novel in present tense
- You must provide a minimum of two quotes per body paragraph.
- All quotes should be cited properly according to MLA. Ask me if you don't know what this means

Other Things to Remember:

- Use ONLY third person (i.e. no "I" or "You" statements)
- Use ONLY present tense when referring to a piece of literature
- Make sure that *Lord of the Flies* is always underlined or in italics
- You must have a title for your paper that reflects the very specific content of your paper. For example, "LOTF Essay" is not an appropriate title

Lord of the Flies Argumentative Essay Rubric

INTRODUCTION

Attention Getter:

Engages the reader and gets them interested in the topic.

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Background:

Explains the essential question & introduces the novel

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Thesis Statement:

The thesis statement arrives at the end of the introduction and implies clear direction in the paper, including the a major counterclaim, and two strong claims

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BODY PARAGRAPH #1: Counterclaim

Topic Sentence(s):

Must identify a specific counter-claim

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Quotes:

Includes two properly-cited quotes that help to refute the counterclaim

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Commentary:

Clearly explains how the quote refute the counterclaim

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Closure:

Closure and/or a transition into the next body paragraph

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BODY PARAGRAPH #2: Claim 1

Topic Sentence(s):

Must identify an argument to support your claim

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Quotes:

Includes two properly-cited quotes that support the argument

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Commentary:

Clearly explains how the quote supports the argument

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Closure:

Closure and/or a transition into the next body paragraph

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BODY PARAGRAPH #3: Claim 2

Topic Sentence(s):

Must identify an argument to support your claim

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Quotes:

Includes two properly-cited quotes that support the argument

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Commentary:

Clearly explains how the quote supports the argument

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Closure:

Closure and/or a transition into the next body paragraph

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CONCLUSION

Recap:

Reiterates the points made within the essay including a restated thesis

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Closing Thought:

Connect back to the essential question

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Overall Grammar/Punctuation & MLA FORMATTING:

_____/10

TOTAL: _____/100