

WHS Book Rationale

Title: *Lord of the Flies*

Author: William Golding

- **Intended Audience**
 - English 9/English 9 Honors

- **Brief summary and educational significance**
 - A group of boys crashes on a deserted island during a war and must struggle to create and maintain a civilization -- with disastrous results.

 - Nobel Prize winner, 1983. Considered a classic, often alluded to in pop culture and society.

- **Purpose of teaching the work and how it will be used**
 - Address issues of adolescence, leadership, civilization and savagery, spirituality.
 - Provides opportunities to discuss descriptive language, characterization, heroism, symbolism, themes, conflicts.

- **Potential problems**
 - Language, violence, name-calling, disturbing images, cruelty, demoralizing, depiction of human nature.

- **Addressing potential problems**
 - Allow opportunities to explore conflict resolution.
 - The need for civilized order in the world, democracy.
 - Allow opportunities to discuss human nature.