

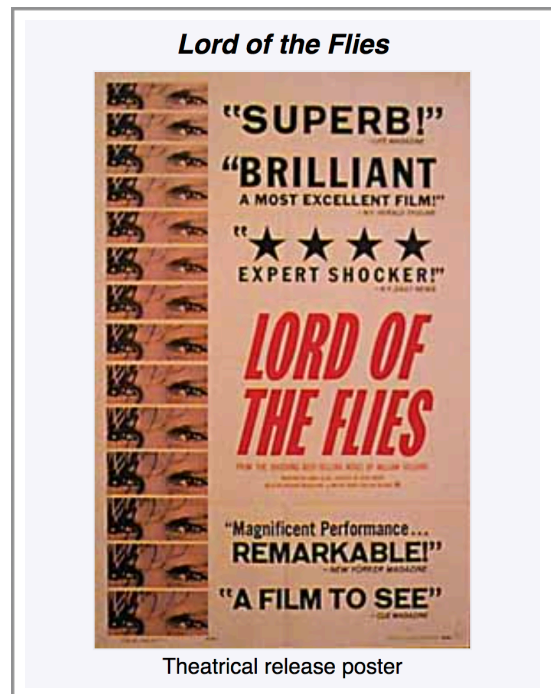
Great Books Seminar

Assignment 16

- Read *Lord of the Flies*, chapters 7–9. As usual, be ready for a quiz.
- Prepare for a Jane Austen tea party, where there will be Regency food and entertainment. See below for directions on dress and details on what we will be doing.
- Again, there will be no poem to read this week.
- After you have chosen your topic and essay format, you will begin writing your speech. It will be due on the **second Friday of February**. Remember that the essay will be delivered as a speech; thus you want to make it sound like a speech.
- Those who want to try out for the play, playing the role of either the baby sitter or the father, I will have tryouts the last Friday in January. I will highlight the parts that you will have to memorize either in green (father) or red (baby sitter). The play has been posted online.
- Also, I need more volunteers to compose or at least sing a ballad for Speech Night. Anyone interested?

"*Lord of the Flies* presents a view of humanity unimaginable before the horrors of Nazi Europe, and then plunges into speculations about mankind in the state of nature. Bleak and specific, but universal, fusing rage and grief, *Lord of the Flies* is both a novel of the 1950s, and for all time."

— *The Guardian*.



Long-Term Assignments

- Prepare for a formal Jane Austen tea party, where there will be Regency food and entertainment from **6:00–9:00 on Friday, February 17**. We will first have our tea time (6:00–6:45) during which I will give a talk on tea and its history, particularly in England. A little dessert suited to the tea will be served. You will also be given a menu from which you may order a wide variety of black, green and herbal teas. After the tea I will discuss the themes of the novel, talk about the author and prepare you for watching one episode from the 6-part BBC production on the novel. Afterwards, we will have our dinner with period entertainment. This will be a formal affair, and you must dress accordingly: boys with button-down shirts, suit jackets (or suits), and dress pants; girls with skirts or dresses.
- Your speech will be due on the **second Friday of February**.