



# Sophomores – McDowell Program Summer Reading 2022

**All McDowell Sophomores must read the following:**

*Lord of the Flies* – William Golding

**After reading, all sophomores must write an essay that answers the following prompt:**

The British historian John Dahlberg-Acton famously said, “Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.” In three well-developed paragraphs, explain what you think this statement means and how the novel, *Lord of the Flies*, support this claim. Be sure to describe in your essay specific, relevant scenes from the novels.

**The requirements for the essay are as follows:**

- Three typed, cohesive paragraphs (introduction with a GTAP sentence and two body paragraphs)
- MLA formatting
  - Heading (your name, your teacher’s name, the class name, the date)
  - Title
  - A readable 12-point font (Times New Roman or Calibri)
  - 1-inch margins

Essays will be submitted to your individual teacher by Tuesday, August 30.. Your teacher will instruct you on submitting the essay the first day of class.