



**Rosati-Kain English Department
Summer Reading List for New Juniors 2017-2018**

We ask that during the summer you read *one play* and *one book* in preparation for your junior literature class. You are responsible for finding your own copies of the works below.

Everyone needs to read *The Merchant of Venice* by William Shakespeare. You will discuss this play in your English class. Your written assignment will be due on the first day of class. To prepare for the discussion, please answer each of these questions:

1. Describe which kinds of stereotypes you notice Shakespeare using. Explain which characters specifically seem to follow a stereotype.
2. Explain who the “good” characters are and who the “bad” ones are. Justify your choices.

Write a well-developed paragraph in answer to each question. Use complete sentences and please type and double space your assignment. Your headings should be in MLA format.

For your second work, read *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding. After you have read this book, identify at least three examples of symbolism present within the novel. Write a **Five-Paragraph Essay** developing this topic. Be specific and use examples. Use complete sentences and please type and double space your assignment. Your headings should be in MLA format.

Have the two papers ready to turn in for your first English class of the year. These papers will NOT be graded, but they will be used for discussion and evaluation.