***Lord of the Flies* Final Exam, Spring 2017 (100 Points)**

For your final exam, you will be expected to write a five-paragraph timed essay on one of the prompts below. On the day of the final, I will randomly choose one of the prompts. To help you prepare, please have one (1) notecard for each question (5 notecards total). Each prompt will require quotations from the book to support each thesis statement you create. I will give you ten minutes to perfect your thesis and outline your points, 45 minutes to write the essay, and 10 minutes to proofread and edit. Please plan on turning in your notecards when you finish.

1. What would you say that *Lord of the Flies* an allegory for? Describe the allegorical significance of the novel by pointing out the specific allegories and the comment(s) that William Golding is ultimately making.
2. Identify the most significant symbol present in *Lord of the Flies*. What does it represent, and how does it relate to the meaning of the text as a whole?
3. Both the novel *Lord of the Flies* and the film *School Ties* explore groups of young adolescent men and the potential violence they can inflict on one another. They also happen to explore similar themes – loss of innocence, loss of identify / ideals, fear of the unknown, and many others. Identify the similarities between both works.
4. What would you say is the ultimate statement that William Golding is making about human nature and mankind? Identify what you think is Golding’s statement using key evidence from the text to support.
5. Names and naming are important in Lord of the Flies. Many characters have names that allude to other works of literature, give insight into their character, or foreshadow key events. Discuss the significance of the names of, particularly, Sam and Eric, Piggy, and Simon. What does the character's name say about him and his significance? Use external sources as necessary.