*Lord of the Flies* AP Essay Comments

1. Italicize book titles…however, you don’t need to repeat throughout the entire essay, “In William Golding’s *Lord of the Flies”.*
2. Too much plot summary and not enough explanation as to why these examples show people controlling society or society controlling people.
3. A lot of essays had too many grammar mistakes. Whenever you need to pause while reading, you need some type of punctuation to go with that pause.
   1. Semicolons separate two independent clauses:
      1. Ex. Roger killed Piggy by releasing a boulder to crush him; the conch shattering into a million pieces after Piggy’s death, symbolized the end of civilization.
      2. Ex. The conch symbolized power and civilization; however, the symbolism changed throughout the course of the novel due to savagery.
4. There was a lot of informal writing. This is where proofreading becomes so important. You cannot write as you would speak. Do NOT EVER USE “gonna” or “coulda”. Also, informal phrases such as “kicked his butt” or general words such as “things” or “okay”.
5. Most of you had a thesis, which is great, but it was too general at times. It needs to map out your entire essay (body paragraphs). You cannot just say “Society controls people”, but need to say “Society controls people because reason 1, reason 2, and reason 3.
6. Do not use first person throughout because it makes the writing become more opinionated instead of subjective