



Lord of the Flies

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CHAPTER QUESTIONS

Answer each of the following questions on a separate sheet of paper and in complete sentences. Please write a question/answer. Always attempt to answer it even if you don't 100% understand. Whenever possible, use a direct line or word from the chapter to support your answer.

CHAPTER 1: The Sound of the Shell

1. Describe what has happened to the boys, the plane and the rest of the world.
2. Why would Piggy share his dreaded relationship with Ralph?
3. Why does the conch give Ralph so much power?
4. Which of the boys has the best qualities for a potential leader and why?

CHAPTER 2: Fire on the Mountain

1. Why do the boys have difficulty operating the best official meeting?
2. Who is the only one who may interrupt the speaker holding the conch?
3. Who has the best / worse / worse / make the thing?
4. How do the boys feel about ...
A) Piggy's intelligence
B) the truth about their situation (which Piggy makes them realize)
5. What are the fears that the boys must deal with to survive on the island until their rescue?
6. Who is the first boy to die? Who was it?

CHAPTER 3: Muts on the Beach

1. What do you learn about Jack's character as he hunts for a pig in the opening scene?
2. What is Ralph's problem with the boys and what is his comment about their behavior?

CHAPTER 4: Painted Faces and Long Hair

1. Describe the life of the littluns.
2. In your opinion, does Piggy "seem to miss" being?
3. How does the "mask" affect Jack's behavior?
4. Piggy is seen as an outsider by the littluns, Squire and Ralph—why?
5. Explain how the rift between Jack and Ralph is widened.
6. Why does Jack refuse to give Piggy any more?

CHAPTER 5: Beast from Water

1. How is Ralph's attitude toward the island changing?
2. Why is the assembly called and what causes it to fall apart?
3. Summarize the arguments made about the beast and who gives them.

CHAPTER 6: Beast from Air

1. Irony is when the opposite of what is expected or intended occurs. What is the irony in the dead parachuter landing on the mountain?
2. How and why does the balance of power between Ralph and Jack shift?
3. What do the boys find at Castle Rock and what is their reaction to the setting?
4. Why were Ralph and Jack interested in hunting the beast?

CHAPTER 7: Shadows and Tall Trees

1. What happens when Ralph wounds the boar?
2. What does Piggy ask Jack? Why is it significant?
3. Why do the boys run from the shadow on the mountain?

