

## AP Literature and Composition

### *Lord of the Flies*- Guided Reading Questions

After you read each chapter in William Golding's *Lord of the Flies*, stop and answer the question pertaining to that chapter. Type your response to each question in 12 point Times New Roman font. Each response should be at least one paragraph long and include a minimum of two quotes from the novel. Keep your quotes short to integrate them into your own sentence, and always include a page number citation at the end of your sentence. For example, if you are describing the appearance of the littluns on the island, you might say:  
The littluns have become very tan from the sun and are "filthily dirty" (59).

Do not look up any information on or summaries of the novel online. In order to do well in AP Literature, you must learn to read and analyze novels on your own, without the aid of cheat sites. Your responses to these questions are due on the first day of school, and you will upload your assignment to Vericite to be checked for plagiarism.

#### Chapter One: The Sound of the Shell

Write a paragraph describing your initial impression of the three main characters- Piggy, Ralph, and Jack. Describe their physical and emotional characteristics.

#### Chapter Two: Fire on the Mountain

Why is the fire on the mountaintop so important to the boys? How do Piggy, Ralph, and Jack all contribute in different ways to the creation and maintenance of the fire?

#### Chapter Three: Huts on the Beach

Chapter three introduces Simon, who becomes a very important character later in the novel. Describe two ways that Simon has helped the other boys on the island so far. What does Simon do at the end of the chapter, and how does he seem different from the other boys?

#### Chapter Four: Painted Faces and Long Hair

In chapter four, Roger throws stones at one of the littluns named Henry. Why does he deliberately throw to miss? Later in the chapter, Jack apologizes to Ralph in front of the other boys. What do these two unrelated events tell you about the society the boys have created?

#### Chapter Five: Beast from Water

In chapter four, Jack and his hunters let the fire go out while killing a pig. How is this event addressed in chapter five? How is the civilization the boys established starting to break down?

#### Chapter Six: Beast from Air

What do Samneric actually see on the mountaintop? What do they *think* it is? Describe Simon's opinion regarding the "beast."

#### Chapter Seven: Shadows and Tall Trees

In chapter seven the boys attempt to kill a boar and fail. What do they then do to Robert? What “joke” does Jack make at the end of that scene, and how do the other boys respond? What does this whole sequence of events tell you about what is happening on the island?

#### Chapter Eight: Gift for the Darkness

In chapter eight, the Lord of the Flies speaks to Simon in a vision. It says:  
“Fancy thinking the Beast was something you could hunt and kill! . . . You knew, didn’t you? I’m part of you? Close, close, close! I’m the reason why it’s no go? Why things are the way they are?”

Explain the significance of this passage in the novel. What does the Lord of the Flies mean when it says “I’m part of you?” Why are things “the way they are” on the island now?

#### Chapter Nine: A View to a Death

In this chapter the conflict between Ralph and Jack escalates. What aspect of human nature might each boy represent? What concept or ideal does Piggy represent? Simon?

#### Chapter Ten: The Shell and the Glasses

Explain how Ralph and Piggy justify their role in the murder of Simon. Who or what do you think is responsible for Simon’s death?

#### Chapter Eleven: Castle Rock

How does Ralph attempt to reestablish order and civilization on the island? Give at least three examples.

#### Chapter Twelve: Cry of the Hunters

Considering how the boys ended up on the island in the first place, what is ironic about the naval officer’s claim that he would have “thought that a pack of British boys...would have been able to put up a better show?” Do you think the events on the island would have transpired differently if it were a group of all girls stranded on the island? A mixed group of boys and girls? All adults? Explain your response.