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*Lord of the Flies*, Study Questions

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**Directions:** As you read, review the questions below. After each chapter, you should be able to clearly answer each of these questions. You may also use them as you take notes to help guide your note-taking. In addition, review the questions before each quiz.

### **Chapter 1**

1. How did the boys get on the island? Explain fully.
2. Are the boys alone? How does Ralph feel? How does Piggy feel?
3. On page 10 Ralph and Piggy each do something they consider to be “daring.” Explain the differences between the two. What does this suggest about their personalities?
4. What kinds of families do Ralph and Piggy come from? How is Piggy treated by his aunt? Explain.
5. Who finds the conch? Who explains its importance? What use is made of it?
6. What happens after Ralph blows the conch?
7. How do Jack and the choir arrive?
8. Who is the smartest boy? Who is the natural leader? Who wins the election?
9. How is Jack satisfied after the election? Why is this a smart move of Ralph’s part?
10. On page 23 how do Jack and Ralph treat Piggy differently? What does this show about each of them?
11. Why are Ralph, Jack, and Simon so excited about being on an island?
12. Describe the incident of the tangled pig.
13. How does Jack react to this incident? What change might it cause him?

### **Chapter 2**

1. Explain the use of the conch. What does it symbolize?
2. What story does the small boy with the birthmark tell? How do the others react?
3. Who leads the boys on a hunt for wood? How does this make Ralph feel?
4. Why do the boys want to build a fire? How do they start it?
5. On page 42 Jack says: “[W]e’re not savages. We’re English!” What does he mean by this? Why does he think more rules will help?
6. What is the point of Piggy’s lecture? Is he correct in his way of thinking?
7. What disturbs Piggy at the end of the chapter? Why is he the only one who seems to notice or care?

### **Chapter 3**

1. What is Jack’s job at the beginning of the chapter? How does he feel about it? What kind of imagery does Golding use to describe Jack in his endeavor?
2. Who builds the shelters? Who is supposed to build them? What does this show about the littluns and the others?
3. What do Ralph and Jack argue about?
4. Describe Simon.
5. Where does he end up at the end of the chapter?

### **Chapter 4**

1. Why do Jack and the choir add clay and paints to their faces?
2. On page 64 the narrator comments: “The mask compelled them.” What does this mean?
3. How is Piggy treated by the others? Why?
4. What happens that greatly upsets Ralph? Why? With whom is he most upset? Why?
5. Throughout the chapter, with what is Jack most concerned? What change does this show him?

### **Chapter 5**

1. What is the purpose of the meeting? What is Ralph’s main concern?
2. What do the littluns talk about? How does Simon react? Piggy?

3. On page 89 Simon discusses the beast and says: "...maybe it's only us." Explain.
4. How does the meeting finally break down?
5. At the end of chapter, what are the thoughts of Ralph? Piggy? Simon? Jack?
6. How do the boys feel about the adults now? Why?

### **Chapter 6**

1. What event does the narrator describe on pages 95-6?
2. What do Samneric do on the mountain? What do they tell the others they've seen?
3. What is Piggy's job while the others are out hunting for the Beast?
4. On page 103 we get a sense of Simon's perception of the Beast. How does this differ from the others' perceptions?

### **Chapter 7**

1. What prediction does Simon make to Ralph?
2. What change takes place over Ralph during the boar hunt? Explain how it happens.
3. In what "game" is Robert involved? What does this "game" show about the boys' state of mind at this point in the novel?
4. What does Simon volunteer to do? Why is this surprising to the others?
5. What do the boys see at the top of the mountain? Describe how they see it. What is it they actually see?

### **Chapter 8**

1. What bad judgment does Ralph use that causes Jack to call the assembly?
2. Why does Jack leave camp?
3. What project/goal do Ralph and Piggy use constantly to get others on their side?
4. Who or what is the Lord of the Flies? Describe.
5. Who "communicates" with the Lord of the Flies?
6. On page 143-4 what does the Lord of the Flies tell his listener? What happens to the listener at the end of the chapter?

### **Chapter 9**

1. What does Simon see? What does he do? Why?
2. What does the parachutist have in common with the Pig's head?
3. For what purpose does Simon return to the others?
4. What Beast is killed at Jack's feast? Describe the incident.
5. What happens to the parachutist on the night of the feast?

### **Chapter 10**

1. Who is left with Ralph after the biguns join Jack?
2. On page 158 why don't Ralph, Piggy, and Samneric admit that they were each at the feast on the previous night?
3. On page 160 why do Jack and the others refer to Simon as the Beast that they killed?
4. What does Jack do to Piggy that leaves him helpless? For what two reasons?

### **Chapter 11**

1. What does Ralph want to do before they go to Jack's camp? Why? What does this show that Ralph understands?
2. What happens to Piggy when they are at Jack's camp? Describe the scene.
3. What is destroyed along with Piggy? What is the symbolism behind this destruction?

### **Chapter 12**

1. What is the final punishment for Ralph if he is caught? To what will his fate be similar?
2. Describe the scene that the naval officer sees on shore? What is his immediate reaction? Explain.
3. At the end of the story, what is the reaction of Ralph? the savages? the naval officer?