

*Lord of the Flies* Chapter Questions

Directions: Answer all questions in complete sentences. Incorporate evidence from the novel as support when necessary. When using a quote, provide an in-text citation- the author's last name and the page number of the quote- in parenthesis after your quote.

**Chapter 1**

1. How did the boys come to be stranded on the island?
2. Describe the physical and personality traits of the first two characters introduced in the story
3. Write a description of the island as conveyed by the novel.
4. What is the significance of the conch?
5. How is a leader chosen? Do you agree or disagree with this choice? Explain.

**Chapter 2**

1. What are some of the obstacles the boys must overcome on the island?
2. Why does Ralph insist that they have a fire? Consequently, what do most of the boys do? How are they able to light it?
3. Who volunteers to take on the responsibility of keeping the fire going?
4. Piggy's job is to get a list of names. Why doesn't he do that?
5. Why do you suppose that some of the boys want "rules, lots of rules"?

**Chapter 3**

1. What are the clues Jack finds that tell him he is on the trail of a possible kill?
2. Meanwhile, what are Ralph and Simon doing? Where are the others?
3. What do Jack and Ralph fight about?
4. What is the feeling Jack has as he is hunting? How does that feeling relate to the littluns?
5. When Ralph and Jack return to the pool, Simon is not there. Where has he gone, and why do you think he went there?

#### Chapter 4

1. Name several things the "littuns" do on the island, either together or on their own.
2. As Roger and Maurice are on their way to go swimming, they kick over some of the littluns' sand castles. Why does Maurice hurry away afterwards?
3. Similarly, Roger throws stones in a circle around Henry. Explain why Roger does not dare to hit Henry with the rocks.
4. Why is Ralph so upset that the boys let the fire go out? Conversely, why is Jack so seemingly unconcerned about it?
5. Piggy is beginning to be seen as an outcast. Cite two details that show this.

#### Chapter 5

1. Write a brief description of the assembly area.
2. Identify 3 important points that Ralph talks about at the assembly.
3. When Ralph says, "We've got to make smoke up there--or die," he means it in two different ways. Explain.
4. Finally Ralph says, "Things are breaking up...We began well; we were happy. And then--." What are some of the signs that the boys are "breaking up"?
5. As the assembly comes to an end, what is the general atmosphere among the boys?
6. Why does Percival Wemys Madison, when spoken to, chant his name and address?

#### Chapter 6

1. "So as the stars moved across the sky, the figure sat on the mountain-top and bowed and sank and bowed again." To what is this sentence referring? Who are the first boys to see it?
2. Where do the biguns (big kids) go? Who is left in charge of the littuns and why?
3. What does Simon think about the beast? What do the others think of Simon's opinion?
4. Why is Ralph so angry about the boys rolling rocks?
5. What is very different about Ralph's way of looking at things as opposed to the way the other boys look at things? How is this difference important?

## Chapter 7

1. What are the conditions that Ralph accepts as normal now and does not mind?
2. What is the author's purpose in describing Ralph's house?
3. In your opinion, why is it so important to Ralph that the other boys know he has wounded the boar with his spear?
4. What do you think the author might be trying to show as the boys gather around Robert? Why do you think this is significant?
5. Which three boys decide to head up the mountain? What do the other boys do?
6. What do they find at the top of the mountain?

## Chapter Eight

1. Why does Jack decide to go off by himself?
2. What is significant about the sow that the boys killed? Do you think it was a good choice for them to have killed this particular pig?
3. What do the boys do with the pig's head? Why?
4. What is the Lord of the Flies? Why is this a good name?
5. Why do you think Jack invites everyone to join the feast?
6. Explain why most of the boys seem so willing to become a member of Jack's tribe.
7. Give your own explanation of what really happens between Simon and "the beast."

## Chapter 9

1. What does Simon find on the mountain-top? What news does he want to tell the others?
2. Compared to Ralph's form of leadership, what is noticeably different about Jack's?
3. As Simon finds his way to the party, what becomes of him? How is this possible?
4. What do the boys think they are doing as they engulf Simon? Do you believe they really thought they were killing the beast? Explain.
5. The thunderstorm and the ensuing winds carry the "parachute man" out to sea. What effect do you think this might have on the story?

## Chapter 10

1. Describe how Samneric, Piggy, and Ralph justify their involvement in Simon's death.
2. What do the boys do to Wilfred? What is your best guess as to why?
3. The boys decide to let the fire go out and go to sleep. Later, they hear something moving outside. What is it? Briefly describe what happens.

## Chapter 11

1. As Piggy is now handicapped, what does he propose they do?
2. Ralph seems to have moments in which he forgets things. Why do you think the author includes these events in the novel?
3. As the boys approach the tribe's new camp, what do they first encounter?
4. What happens when Jack returns from hunting? What does Piggy try to do to bring Ralph back on track?
5. What do the boys do to the twins after they grab them?
6. What is Jack expressing when he says, "See? They do what I want."?
7. What happens to Piggy? Why doesn't he try to move out of the way?
8. What is Jack's purpose in poking and prodding the twins with his spear?

## Chapter 12

1. Why does Ralph decide it would be too dangerous to bathe his wounds?
2. What evidence does Ralph have that convinces him that Jack and the others will never leave him alone?
3. What is the twins' warning to Ralph?
4. Why does Ralph want to spend the night so close to the tribe's new camp?
5. How does the tribe finally succeed in surrounding Ralph?
6. What does the officer think the boys have been doing on the island? How does he come to realize it is something much more serious?