

LORD OF THE FLIES

CHAPTER 1 QUOTES AND QUESTIONS

QUESTIONS: Answer each thoroughly and completely.

1. Why is it significant that there are no grown-ups on the island?
2. What are Piggy's key traits?
3. What are Ralph's key traits?
4. What are Jack's key traits?
5. What might the significance of the stripping off of clothes be? It happens several times in the chapter.
6. What does Ralph feel about being on the island with no adults?
7. Why does the author mention Piggy's glasses so often? What might their significance be?
8. What is the conch used for? What might its true significance be, symbolically?
9. Describe the appearance and manner and organization of the choir when it first appears. What might its significance be?
10. Describe the first meeting. What are the boys trying to establish? Why would they do this?
11. What leadership qualities do each of the following characters show: Ralph, Jack, and Piggy?
12. Which would make the best leader and why?
13. Why is it that Ralph wins?
14. Describe the relationship between Ralph and Jack.
15. Describe the most prominent traits of the island itself.
16. List several typical "boy" behaviors you see in the first chapter. Why is it important that the author include these behaviors?
17. Can the characters afford to remain "boys" given their situation? Predict any changes you feel may come about as the story progresses.
18. Why doesn't Jack kill the pig when he has a chance?
19. What is being suggested about human nature in this chapter? What does it seem natural for humans to do?
20. The boys are completely outside of civilization. How might this effect their development?

KEY PASSAGES: Explain the significance of each passage in a minimum of three complete sentences; think about character, theme, symbolism and metaphor.

1. p. 10: He jumped down from the terrace . . .dazzling beach and the water.
2. p. 14: He trotted to through the sand . . .on a convenient trunk.
3. p. 14-15: Presently, he spoke . . .We got to do something.
4. p. 17: Ralph grasped the idea . . .was a rush of air.
5. p. 18: Signs of life were visible . . .Something was being done.
6. p. 19-20: Within the diamond haze . . .was almost complete darkness.
7. p. 22: Jack spoke. . .Ralph raised a hand for silence.
8. And I-- . . .Piggy hung bumbling behind them.
9. p. 28-29: They had guessed before that . . .This belongs to us.
10. p. 29: Ralph sketched a twining line . . .They were lifted up: were friends.
11. **p. 31: They were in the beginnings . . .I was choosing a place. Next time--!