

# *LORD OF THE FLIES*

## CHAPTER 5 QUOTES AND QUESTIONS

**QUESTIONS:** Answer each thoroughly and completely.

1. Summarize each main point of Ralph's speech.
2. What is the purpose of his speech—what is he trying to accomplish with it? Does it work?
3. Explain the different opinions about each of the following: the beast; fear; ghosts. Why is it so important that they discuss and decide the existence and nature of these elements?
4. Why does Percival cry? What is the significance of him stating his full name and address?
5. What do you think Simon means when he says maybe the beast is "only us?" Does his opinion on the matter make much of an impression?
6. Explain the symbolism of Piggy and Jack fighting over the conch.
7. All of this conflict is happening as it grows dark. Why is the darkness symbolically important?
8. Why are things breaking down so badly that not even Ralph and his charisma or Piggy and his reason can save them? What is overpowering them?
9. In the end most of the boys follow Jack and join the chant. Why do they follow him? What might this foreshadow?
10. Which 3 boys are left apart from Jack's group? What might the significance of this be? What might it foreshadow?
11. Explain the basic differences between these two groups. What does each stand for?

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

1. p. 76-77: This wind pressed his grey shirt . . .At that he began to trot.
2. p. 78: Again he fell into . . .could recognize thought in another.
3. p. 81: Look at us! . . .That way we'll be certain.
4. p. 82-83: Jack stood up and took the conch . . .no beast in the forest.
5. p. 84: When you get done laughing . . .Unless we get frightened of people.
6. p. 86-87: Percival Wemys Madison . . .as loud as Percival.
7. \*\*p. 88-89: He could see a whiteness in the gloom . . .maybe it's only us.
8. p. 91: They heard him stamp . . .We'll close in and beat and beat and beat—
9. p. 92: You got to be tough now . . .we'll soon be animals anyway.
10. p. 93: I'm scared of him . . .And that's me.
11. p. 94: We're all drifting and things are going rotten. . .a sign or something.