Lord of the Flies



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<u>Rationale</u>

This Unit Plan is specifically designed for grade eleven English Language Arts. This unit and its assignments will encourage the students to consider the necessity of rules and laws for preserving order and civilization and society. Throughout the unit we will examine themes and symbolism, foreshadowing, setting and other literary devices used in the novel. We will discuss the relevance of <u>Lord of the Flies</u> with regards to current political and social situations as well as looking at the historical background of the novel. Over the course of the unit, students will learn how to create a concept map, work collaboratively, write imagination exercises, identify how the characters change and improve vocabulary through a variety of teaching strategies. At the end of the unit, we will watch the film and students will write a film review. The unit is organized chronologically to follow the events in the novel.

Objectives of the Unit

- 1. Make connections between ideas and information in <u>Lord of the Flies</u> and their own experiences by participating in a written survival exercise.
- 2. Support and justify their opinions and choices by writing down their reasons in the survival exercise.
- Make connections between themes and ideas in <u>Lord of the Flies</u> by comparing and contrasting the characters at the beginning of the novel to the end of the novel.
- 4. Discuss ethical and philosophical issues raised in Lord of the Flies.
- 5. Improve vocabulary by working on a vocabulary sheet for every chapter.
- 6. Use a variety of different formats to present information by creating a concept map, illustrating the island, writing responses.
- 7. Use a variety of planning strategies to generate and access ideas for the concept map.
- 8. Assess their own and other's work for sentence clarity, precision of language and variety of expression by using peer evaluation for essays.
- 9. Be willing to give and receive constructive feedback and criticism to improve the clarity, meaning and style of their communications.

Assessment

This unit the students will be assessed based on their work on a concept map (25 points), the portfolios they will keep over the course of the unit (25 points), four mini tests (40 points) and participation (5 points). Concept maps will be marked based on creativity, supplied evidence and readability. At the end of the unit, portfolios will be handed in and marked based on content (are all the assignments complete and included?), clarity (vocabulary and grammar) and creativity.

Resources

A couple of web resources I found useful:

- 1. <u>www.homework-online/lotf/quotes/asp</u>
- 2. www.rit.edu/~sjg2490/lotf
- 3. www.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/score/lord/lordtg.html

Lord of the Flies Lesson One

Survival English

Objectives:

- 1. Have students effectively argue their opinions.
- 2. Have students create a survival manual.
- 3. Have students make connections between literature and their own experiences.

	Teacher	Student	Time
Hook/Intro	 Tell them the "clean water" trick Ask students if they've ever gone hiking or camping Ask if they've ever gotten lost in the woods Brainstorm with students what is essential for survival write things on the board ask them why we need the things they are suggesting 	 actively respond to teacher's questions. Make suggestions about essentials for survival Brainstorm with the teacher 	15 minutes
Main Activities	 Give students the worksheet and the instructions 	 Students will individually work on their assignments 	35 minutes
Closure	 Ask if anyone would like to share their writing Discuss essentials of survival 	 Some students will volunteer Partake in discussion As a group, decide what are the most important things for survival. 	10 minutes
Assessment	 Assignments will be handed in for evaluation 		
			60 mins

Lord of the Flies Lesson Two

What's going happen?

Objectives:

- 1. Have students use their imaginations to make predictions about how the novel will end in written form.
- 2. Have students pair up and assess and evaluate each other's writing.
- 3. Be willing to give and receive feedback about their paragraphs

	Teacher	Students	Time
Hook/Intro	 Ask student what they think the weather will be tomorrow. Talk about common predictions we make everyday 	 Give examples of predictions people make. 	5 minutes
Main Activities	 Talk about the literary device of foreshadowing and how it works Give them instructions to write their own predictions of what will have happened by the end of the novel. Guide them with questions such as: Does anyone die? Do they get rescued? Who is the leader in the end? Etc Have students break into pairs and read each others work. 	 Students will write their predictions of what they think will happen in the novel Exchange stories and "mark" each other's work. Help them polish their work 	30 minutes 20 minutes
Closure	 Ask for volunteers to read their predictions aloud 	 Students volunteer to read their predictions 	5 minutes
Assessment	 This assignment will be read by the teacher and handed back to put in their portfolios. 		
			60 mins

Lord of the Flies Lesson Three

Design the Island

Objectives:

- 1. Students will use their imaginations to design their own illustration of the island
- 2. Students will illustrate what they "see" in their mind as they read and draw it on paper.

	Teacher	Student	Time
Hook/Intro	 Ask students if they have ever been surprised or disappointed when they see a book they've read on film. Ask for examples Other things too (a person's voice doesn't match their appearance) 	 Will give examples of when things don't match for them 	10 minutes
Main Activities	 Ask them to create the island from what they've read so far. Remind them to include the scar, the mountain, the beach, trees, the reef, etc 	 Students will illustrate the island individually 	30 minutes
Closure	 Students will leave their illustrations on their desks and the class will walk around looking at each others 	 Students circulate around the room 	20 minutes
Assessment	This assignment will be the cover of their portfolios and be assessed as part of the content at the end of the unit.		
			60 mins

Lord of the Flies Lesson four

Character evaluation

Objectives:

- 1. Have students closely examine the nature of the main characters in the novel.
- 2. Have students work in pairs to fill in the worksheet
- 3. Students will recall and research character description from the novel based on the first part of the novel.

	Teacher	Student	Time
Hook/Intro	 Ask the students if they have any questions about the text before the quiz. 	 Will ask any questions 	5 mins
Main Activities	Quiz on Chapters 1-3	Write the short quiz (10 questions)	20 mins
	 Hand out the worksheet and give the students the instructions 	 Fill in the worksheet and include it in their portfolios. 	25 mins
Closure	 As a group, go over their answers to see where people differ. Tell students the worksheet is for their portfolios. We will use the same one later in the novel to look at how the characters change. From these two worksheets they will write me an essay about how the characters change by the end of the novel. 	Students will tell me their answers and see if they all agree.	10 minutes
Assessment	The quiz is designed so that		
			60 mins

Lord of the Flies Lesson five

Discussion Questions

Objectives:

- 1. Students will look for themes in the novel
- 2. Students will understand symbolism
- 3. Students will work in groups of four

	Teacher	Student	Time
Hook/Intro	 Ask class what is a symbol? Can they give any examples of common symbols? What about the statue of liberty? Eiffel Tower? Tell them to come up with a common symbol? 	 Students respond Students must think up a symbol and what it represents. They can try and draw their symbol if they want or just tell us what it is and rest of class guesses what it represents 	20 minutess
Main Activities	 Divide class into groups of four Hand out the worksheets for groups to complete 	 Each group works on their own sheet of paper 	30 minutes
Closure	Write all the symbols on the board.	 Each group comes up and tells the rest of the class what it represents 	10 minutes
Assessment	Worksheet in portfolio		
			60 mins

Lord of the Flies - Lesson six Found Poetry

Objectives:

- 1. The students will learn how to and write a found poem that will encapsulate a feeling of the novel.
- 2. Students will work on presentation skills by reading aloud their poem.

	Teacher	Student	Time
Hook/Intro	Read an example of a found poem that the teacher created from the text	Students listen	10 Mins
	 Ask them if they can guess where the words came from. And what the poem is trying to convey. 	Students respond	
Main Activities	 Instruct the students on how a sound poem is constructed. Tell them to pick a message and find words to make that message real for others. Circulate and facilitate 	Students write their poems	30 minutes
Closure	 Have each student read their poem aloud Ask class what they think the author was trying to convey 	 Students take turns reading poem and then answers guesses and then tells us if we're right or wrong 	20 minutes
Assessm't	The poem will be handed in with the page number of where they got the words at the bottom.	•	
			60 mins

Example of a found poem to read: Pages 112-113

Take spears, the beast is nothing. The beach stretched away. Jack lead the way. Follow Jack. Impenetrable tangle of creepers Stony ground and personal hell. Sick and heroic Human

Lord of the Flies Lesson seven

Quiz and Plot diagram

Objectives:

- 1. Students will recall facts for quiz
- Students will isolate important events in the story and make a plot diagram.
 Students will work in pairs

	Teacher	Student	Time
Hook/Intro	 Answer any questions the students may have before the quiz. 	Ask questions	5 minutes
Main Activities	• Quiz	• Quiz	20 minutes
	 Teach students to make a plot diagram Put it on display 	• Students will make a plot diagram that shows: the initial incident, the rising action (5 important events), the growth of external and internal conflict in the group and individuals, the climax and the resolution.	60 minutes
Closure	 Each pairing will present theirs to the class. 	Presentations	35 minutes
Assessment	 Everyone will include a copy of theirs in portfolio. 		
			60 mins

Extension: Vocabulary Sheet for Chapter 8

***This lesson will take two days

Lord of the Flies Lesson eight

Predictions

Objectives:

- 1. Students will compare their first predictions to what has happened in the novel.
- 2. Students will predict the end of the novel.

	Teacher	Student	Time
Hook/Intro	 Ask students if any of their predictions came true? Ask if any of their predictions were way off 	 Students respond, they explain where they were right Students respond and say where they were wrong 	10 minutes
Main Activities	 Silent write of predictions and where they were wrong in their first predictions 	Silent write	35 minutes
Closure	 Ask if anyone wants to share Give them vocab. list for next day 	 Students volunteer Begin working on next day's vocab 	15 minutes
Assessment	Goes into their portfolios		60 mins
			60 mins

Lord of the Flies Lesson nine

Introduction of concept map

Objectives:

- 1. Have students isolate themes and create a concept map
- 2. Have students work collaboratively in pairs

	Teacher	Student	Time
Hook/Intro	 Ask students what keeps coming up in the novel, have they seen any patterns? Write them on the board Could these be themes? 	 Students respond Ask questions about theme 	10 minutes
Main Activities	 Hand out the worksheet on concept maps Get students in pairs Go over the instructions Tell them to find evidentiary support BEFORE they begin mapping 	 Students are beginning to look at themes in their story and deciding which one to choose for the concept map Starting to construct the concept map 	50 minutes
Closure	 tell them that they'll be given more class time and to work until the bell. 	•	
Assessment	 students are just beginning to work on their maps, they're a large part of the unit and will be given 4 (approx.) periods to work on it before they hand it in. 		
			60 mins

Lord of the Flies Lesson ten

Cover design

Objectives:

1. Students will create illustrations that they feel are representative of the novel.

	Teacher	Student	Time
Hook/Intro	• Quiz	• Quiz	20 mins
Main Activities	 Ask students if they like the cover of the novel Ask students if they know why it was chosen Ask the students to design a book jacket for the novel. Once students are finished illustrating, they will continue to work on their concept maps until the end of class. 	 students respond students illustrate their own version of the cover 	40 minutes
Closure	• n/a	•	
Assessment	 Book jacket will be submitted with the portfolio. 		
			60 mins

Lord of the Flies Lesson eleven

Character comparison

Objectives:

- 1. Students will evaluate how the natures of the characters have changed since the beginning.
- 2. Students will write a short essay on one character and how they've changed over the course of the novel.

	Teacher	Student	Time
Hook/Intro	 ask students to pull out of their portfolios the character worksheet from the 4th lesson ask if these descriptions are still accurate 	 students look at worksheet and discuss with their partners 	5 minutes
Main Activities	 Hand out the worksheet Have students fill it in pairs Ask students to compare it to the character worksheet in the beginning of the novel. Ask them for written examples of how the characters have changed 	 In pairs, students fill in worksheet Individually they write up how the characters have changed 	35 minutes
Closure	Let them work on their concept maps	•	20 minutes
Assessment	 character worksheet goes in their portfolio but the written comparison goes to teacher. 		
			60 mins

Lord of the Flies Lesson twelve

Quiz and Concept Map

Objectives:

- 1. Students will recall information for quiz
- 2. Students will critically analyze the book for evidentiary support for their concept maps

	Teacher	Student	Time
Hook/Intro	• Quiz	• Quiz	20 minutes
Main Activities	 Teacher circulates and helps 	 Students will continue to work collaboratively on their concept maps 	40 minutes
Closure	They work until the bell	•	
Assessment	 quiz will be submitted for marking 		
			60 mins

Lord of the Flies Lessons thirteen and fourteen

Video and Movie Review

Objectives:

- 1. Students will look at the story through another lens and critically analyze whether it was faithful to the novel.
- 2. Students will articulate through writing whether they feel the movie was good and they must take a stance but argue for both sides (short expository essay format)

	Teacher	Student	Time
Hook/Intro	Watch the movie	Watch the movie	90 minutes
Main Activities	 At the end of the first part of the film, give the students the worksheet on writing a movie review Tell student that they are newspaper reporters with a half- hour deadline and they must submit their review of the movie today. 	Write their review	30 minutes
Closure	 submit their review of the movie tell them that their concept maps will be viewed the next day (they'll have time in class to add the final touches) 		
Assessment	based on their review		
			120 mins

Columbia Pictures presents a film directed and edited by Harry Hook. Produced by Ross Milloy. Written by Sara Schiff. Photographed by Martin Fuhrer. Music by Philippe Sarde. Running time: 90 minutes. Classified R. At local theaters.

Lord of the Flies Lesson fifteen

Concept Map Gallery walk and Portfolio submission

Objectives:

- 1. Have the students demonstrate an understanding of theme.
- 2. Have the students work collaboratively.
- 3. Have the students organize, plan and complete a large unit project.
- 4. Have the students demonstrate organization through the submission of the portfolio.

	Teacher	Student	Time
Hook/Intro	 Tell the students that they have half an hour to finish their concept maps 	Students work	30 minutes
Main Activities	 Gallery Walk, teacher marks 	Gallery Walk	30 minutes
Closure	•	 Students will circulate and view each other's concept map, and explain their map to their peers Submit their portfolios for evaluation 	
Assessment	 Based on the content of their portfolio Based on the quality of the work for concept map 		
			60 mins

Character Worksheet

	Ralph	Piggy	Simon	Jack	Roger
Appearance					
Personality					
Attitude towards being on the island					
Attitude towards other boy					
Information about parents					
Characteristics					
Motivation (what does he want?)					

Concept Map on Theme Final Project

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Instructions:

- You are to work with a partner. I need to know who your partner is, so please register your partnership with me.
- Exchange phone numbers, email addresses, and schedule information with each other.
- Decide on a theme from Lord of the Flies that you are both interested in.

Your job is to create a concept map that will PROVE a theme in the Lord of the Flies. You will use elements such as plot, character, symbol and setting to prove this theme. Place the THEME STATEMENT at the TOP or the MIDDLE of your poster board. Your evidence will be interconnected and lead to your theme. REMEMBER that the <u>linking words</u>, which show the connection between ideas, <u>are crucial</u>. You will also need to include textual support (quotations and page numbers) to provide evidence to prove the concepts you place on the map. For example, if you are proving that the setting (the island) is personified, include a quotation and page number which shows what you state is true.

You will be given FOUR class hours (approximately) to work on your concept maps. Any additional time that you need will be done AFTER school hours (homework). Concept Maps will be displayed and discussed for one class at the end of the unit. We will go over the instructions as a class but if, after that, you have any questions:

- 1. Ask your partner
- 2. Ask your peers
- 3. Ask Ms. Paulsen

Your Concept Map will be graded on its content, evidential support, clarity and creativity.

GOOD LUCK!

Discussion questions for Lesson 5

Groups one, two, three and four will find their answers in chapters 1-6 Groups five, six, seven and eight will find their answers in chapters 7-12

Groups One and Five:

Before you begin, what is a symbol? What is the purpose of using a symbol in literature?

Butterflies:

What associations go along with butterflies? What are the situations where a butterfly would appear? How do butterflies enhance or compliment these situations? How do butterflies come to be butterflies? Which character is associated with butterflies? List some things that butterflies could be symbolic of

The Lord of the Flies/Pig's head

Where does this title or label come from? Where did it originate? Trace the development of the beast from the beginning of the novel to the appearance of the Lord of the Flies.

What things are connected with the Lord of the Flies? Literally? Figuratively? For whom is the Lord of the Flies a reality? Why does he only appear to one character? Is the Lord of the Flies real or imaginary? In what ways is he both? Why did the author choose this for the title of his book?

Group Two and Group Six

Before you begin, what is a symbol? What is the purpose of using a symbol in literature?

The conch

Trace the development of the conch from its appearance to its destruction Is the physical description important? What situations is the conch associated with? What is the role of the conch among the boys? What does the conch literally and figuratively represent? What is the conch in our society?

Fire

List all of the instances that fire appears throughout the novel What types of fire are there? How are they created? What situations is fire associated with? What does fire literally and figuratively represent?

Group three and seven

Before you begin, what is a symbol? What is the purpose of using a symbol in literature?

Huts What do huts provide? Why are they important on the island? In what situations are the huts mentioned? Are they a point of conflict? What do the huts literally and figuratively represent?

Piggy's glasses What do the glasses provide? How often do they appear? Which character are they associated with? Is this important? Why? In which situation are the glasses mentioned? Are they a point of conflict? What do they literally do? What do the boys use them for? What are the glasses in our society?

Groups four and eight

Before you begin, what is a symbol? What is the purpose of using a symbol in literature?

Darkness

What activities or situations take place in the dark? What role does darkness play in setting the mood of a situation? Trace the development of darkness from the beginning to the end of the novel. Does the role of darkness increase as the plot progresses? Is darkness ever more that the absence of light? When does it take on a more symbolic role?

Face paint

Why do people put face paint on? What is it associated with? What does the face paint do for the boys? How does it change their behavior? What character is face paint associated with? Is this important? Why? In what situation is it used? How does the function or role of face paint change as the plot progresses? What does the face paint symbolize?

Movie Review for Lord of the Flies

You are a movie reviewer for a national paper. After viewing the movie, please write a one-page critique of it (150 words, double spaced, in ink). You may begin with, "I liked this movie because", or, "I did not like this movie because" but YOU MUST HAVE AN OPINION. This paper cannot be only be a summary of the film, you must tell me why you liked it AND why you did not. THAT'S RIGHT! YOU MUST ARGUE GOOD POINTS AND BAD POINT OF THE FILM! Tell me what you think needed to change in order for the film to be more effective.

For example:

One thing that I really liked about the film was how Ralph was portrayed. I think the actor did a really good job of showing the viewer how tormented he was...

Or

The director did not capture the importance of the conch in the film.

Portfolios

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At the end of the unit all students will be required to submit their portfolios to the teacher.

The Portfolio will include:

- Vocabulary sheets
- The "survival" assignment
- Movie review with book jacket design
- Island illustration
- Both character worksheets
- The character comparison
- Question worksheets
- And the imagination exercises
- Any homework assigned
- Mini-tests (4)

Survival: English 11

You and your partner have been marooned on a tropical island. You have three things with you that will help you two survive. You can choose your three things from the list below or you can choose something that I did not put on the list (not food or water though). Tell me what you will do to survive and how you will use your three items. Also, tell me what you will do to increase the chance of rescue.

- Lighter, metal match, waterproof matches.
- Snare wire.
- Signaling mirror.
- Wrist compass.
- Fish and snare line.
- Fishhooks.
- Candle.
- Small hand lens.
- Oxytetracycline tablets (for diarrhea or infection).
- Water purification tablets.
- Solar blanket.
- Surgical blades.
- Butterfly sutures.
- Bags for water storage.
- Chap Stick.
- Needle and thread.
- Knife.
- CD player.
- Toothbrush.
- Your dog.
- Saw.
- Nails.
- Hammer.

Please write in complete sentences. Minimum of one page (150 words), in ink and double- spaced. Both creativity and spelling count. Please hand in at the end of class.

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Vocabulary Worksheet Chapter One

Clamber:
Lagoon:
Vainly:
Quiver:
Decorous:
Interpose:
Strident:
Scupper:
Speculate:
Clamor:
Pallor:
Indignation:
Jumble:
Grating:

<u>Vocabulary Worksheet</u> <u>Chapter Two</u>

Warp:
Conch:
Scornfully:
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Officious:
Indignant:
Tumult:
Irresistible:
Nimble:

Vocabulary Worksheet Chapter Three

stoon:
ndril:
opressive:
scrutable:
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wilder:
aunt:
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<u>Vocabulary Worksheet</u> <u>Chapter Four</u>

Opalescence:			
Mirage:			
Whimper:			
Croon:			
Preposterous:			
Caper:			
Incredulously:			
Irrelevance:			
Implication:		 	
Shrill:	 	 	
Malevolent:			
Gyration:			

<u>Vocabulary Worksheet</u> <u>Chapter Five</u>

Obscure:
Opaque:
Gnaw:
Speculation:
Scowl:
Jabber:
Jeer:
Indigo:
Formulate:
Mimicry:
Inarticulate:
Gibbering:
Improvisation:

<u>Vocabulary Worksheet</u> <u>Chapter Six</u>

Squawk:	 	 	
Bristle:			
Relentless:			

Vocabulary Worksheet Chapter Seven

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<u>Vocabulary</u> <u>Chapter Eight</u>

Heed:			
Dung:			
Stagger:			
Spout:			
Uproarious:			
Skewer:			
Iridescent:			
Vex:			
Crimson:			

<u>Vocabulary</u> Chapter Nine

orruption:	
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remulous:	
rickle:	
eadfast:	

<u>Vocabulary</u> Chapter Ten

Befoul:
Shrill:
Shudder:
Gesticulate:
Samneric:
Stifle:
Smother:
Phosphorescence:

<u>Vocabulary</u> Chapter Eleven

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Devastate
Aultitudinous
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<u>Vocabulary</u> Chapter Twelve

Elaborate			
Dribble			
Ululation			
Wriggle			
Heave			
Thicket			
Cower			
Visualize			
Shudder			
Wrench			

Lord of the Flies Test One Chapters 1-3

Chapter one

- 1. How does Ralph react when he realizes there are no adults on the island?
- 2. Give two reasons why was Ralph elected the leader.
- 3. What does Ralph do to ease Jack's disappointment at not being elected the leader?

Chapter two

- 4. What is the first rule made at the meeting?
- 5. What does Ralph say is the most important thing to do?
- 6. What does Piggy do after the meeting breaks up?
- 7. What does Simon's comment about Piggy helping to build the fire tell us about him?

Chapter three

- 8. What do Jack and Ralph disagree about?
- 9. What does Simon do at the end of the chapter?
- 10. What does the argument between Jack and Ralph, tell us about Ralph's character?

Lord of the Flies Test two Chapters 4-6

Chapter four

- 1. What are two reasons that the littuns came running at the sound of the conch?
- 2. Why does Roger throw stones to miss the littlun? What does this tell us about him?
- 3. What effect does Jack's "mask" have on him?
- 4. What effect does it have on the others?

Chapter five

- 5. Why is Ralph upset at the meeting?
- 6. Why is Simon interrupted at the meeting (there are two possible reasons, give me one.)
- 7. What sign does Ralph wish for at the end of the chapter?

Chapter six

- 8. Does Ralph's wish get answered?
- 9. Why does Ralph go looking for the beast alone?
- 10. At the end of the chapter, how do we know that Ralph and Jack still have different views on what is important?

Lord of the Flies <u>Test three</u> Chapters 7-9

Chapter 7

- 1. At the beginning of the chapter, what is bothering Ralph?
- 2. What is there about the dancing and chanting that is different from before?
- 3. Why does Ralph climb the mountain at dark, even though he knows it is not a good idea?

Chapter 8

- 4. Why does Jack get angry at the beginning of the chapter?
- 5. What does Jack ask the group to vote on?
- 6. Where does Jack tell his new tribe that they will move to?
- 7. What does the pig's head tell Simon to do at the end of the chapter?

Chapter 9

- 8. What does Simon do when he discovers the dead airman?
- 9. Why do Ralph and Piggy join the others in dancing and chanting?
- 10. Who says that Simon is the beast?

Lord of the Flies Test four Chapters 10-12

Chapter 10

- 1. Who are the only ones who did not join Jack's tribe?
- 2. Jack is becoming more cruel, what evidence is there of this?
- 3. Why does Jack steal Piggy's glasses?

Chapter 11

- 4. What evidence is there of Piggy starting to act more bravely?
- 5. At castle rock, what happens to Sam and Eric?
- 6. Who is wounded and how?

Chapter 12

- 7. Ralph is scared of the savages but would still like to join them. Why?
- 8. What do Samneric mean when they say that Jack ordered a stake to be sharpened at both ends?
- 9. How does Jack find Ralph's hiding place?
- 10. What is ironic about the fire that causes their rescue?