

# Lord of the Flies- Entry 1

# Section 1

“Are there any grownups?” “No.” ... “Then we’ll have to look after ourselves.”

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At this point, now that they had said it aloud, it became official that they were stuck on this Island by themselves. Once it was said allowed to everybody, they all now knew for sure. They were on their own and now they had to deal with that. They had to look after themselves and each other. This meant that they had to start being responsible.

“Who wants me?” “Every hand outside the choir except Piggy’s was raised immediately. Then Piggy, too, raised his hand grudgingly into the air.” “Ralph counted.” “I’m chief then.” “The circle of boys broke into applause. Even the choir applauded; and the freckles on Jack’s face disappeared under a blush of mortification.”

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In these lines it shows that Piggy seems very mature (in the way he acts compared to the other boys) and he is also nice and considerate towards everybody he meets. Also, the choir is somewhat afraid to rebel against their leader (Jack) because they are stuck on island that they crashed on and they do not know a lot of the people around them. When Ralph became chief this made Jack upset because he was sure of his position as chief because he was leader of the choir. But, the crowd of boys saw him as cocky. Even the choir was happy that Ralph was chief. This did not make Jack very happy. I think that after this point Jack felt as if he was competing with Ralph. Like, he needed to prove he was better than him.

“Not for five minutes could they drag themselves away from this triumph. But they left at last.”

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This was after they (Ralph, Jack, and Simon) worked together to overcome an obstacle. They could not have overcome it by themselves, but, together they could. They were very pleased with themselves and each other for working together. It was also tiring to move the big rock. This also shows that they are glad that they can overcome such big obstacles. But, at the same time they know that they must keep moving for the sake of themselves and for all of the other boys that are stuck on the island with them.

## Lord of the Flies- Personal Reaction

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At first in this book, I felt as if the boys were getting along quite nicely. They could all agree on most things and I thought their biggest problem was going to be how to escape the island. I have now changed my mind at the end of this section. The boys are not getting along at all. I wasn't shocked that much though because after all they are just little boys all by themselves. I did feel annoyed with Jack sometimes. I thought he should been a little softer on the kids and especially on Piggy. Jack seems scary to me because of the way he was proud of himself for torturing and killing the pig. I am also scared for some of the boys. Especially the little ones because people like Jack and Roger are fully capable of murdering or seriously hurting somebody and they wouldn't even get into any trouble for it. I was frustrated that most of the boys never helped do anything. They always slacked off. NOthing got done because of this and they have no time for nonsense on the island. I can relate to the boys in the sense that when i first start something (for example a group project) it starts out great. We are all working together and listening to each other. But, eventually people start to slack off and the leader of the group ends up trying to convince everybody else to work together again because it is crucial in their success. But, usually nobody seems to listen. I feel bad for Ralph because nobody is listening to him anymore. I also feel bad for Piggy because everybody makes fun of him and bullies him. Piggy has little to no respect from the other boys. It seems to me as if Jack is going to rebel against Ralph or maybe fight him in the near future. They don't agree with other that much. They only have respect for eachother and they might be faking that.

## Part 1- Characterization

Jack- Jack is the leader of the hunters. Jack is not a very nice person, but he does keep it real. He isn't afraid to tell you how he feels about you. Jack is the antagonist. He never treats people right and believes that he is higher up and more deserving than anybody else. He is very snobby.

1. Ralph- Ralph is the oldest boy in the group and is chief. He knows how to survive and all he wants is for everybody to listen and do what they are supposed to do. Although the boys don't listen to Ralph very well all the time, he is still very good at being patient with the boys. Ralph is the protagonist in this novel. All he does is try to help the boys. He is seemingly the only one trying to do anything to get them rescued and all he does is help the other boys. Ralph and Jack are polar opposites.
  - a. Ralph changed because he had to deal with being in charge of a whole bunch of boys while he was stranded on an island. He also was being hunted and was almost killed. It must have been super hard to be in charge of everybody and then in the end have no friends and to be hunted by every single boy left on the island. He ended up caring about others more than he did at the beginning of the novel.
  - b. The author had this change occur because it helps us as readers to better understand what it must have been like to be stuck on an island like that. To have to be in charge of a group of boys and to have to make tough decisions that you didn't know whether would keep you alive. To see what kind of pressure Ralph must have been under.
  - c. Jack became a little nicer in the book but then turned back to his evil ways at the end. Ralph was just always so nice towards everybody they couldn't help but be thankful and nice towards him. They all looked up to him for the most part. They knew he was their only chance of survival.

## Part 2- Conflict

1. (Man vs Nature) and (Man vs Man)
2. (Man vs Nature)- The boys are at first struggling to catch food. The reason for this is partly they are a little afraid because they don't normally have to go and kill their food themselves and secondly they have to be able to hunt properly and have the supplies for it.

"I was choosing a place," said Jack. "I was just waiting for a moment to decide where to stab him."

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(Man vs Man)- Jack and Ralph are usually always fighting in this novel. They always find something to fight or disagree about. They both want to have their way, when they both honestly do know that they can't. Jack is trying to also slowly take Ralph's place as Chief. Jack doesn't want to listen to Ralph at all.

"Ralph could no longer ignore his speech. The blood was hot in his cheeks." "You haven't got the conch," he said. "Sit down." "Jack's face went so white that the freckles showed as clear, brown flecks. He licked his lips and remained standing." "This is a hunter's job."

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3. (Man vs Nature)- This conflict is resolved by the boys getting over themselves and finally hunting some meat. Although, they do take it to far, at least they actually hunt for food now. This makes a big difference because eating just fruit was not good for them especially considering they were young and growing boys.

(Man vs Man)- This conflict is resolved by the boys trying to hunt Ralph and kill him after Jack made his own tribe. The boys accidentally set the island on fire and a ship sees the fire and comes to see what was going on. Once someone comes to rescue them, they immediately feel bad for what they have done and all that want then is to go home. After that they probably try to forget everything that happened. Those things aren't always stuff you would want to remember.

## Part 3- Theme

1. The theme of this novel is that without the rules of civilization, which are meant to contain the savagery that is inside every single one of us, our world would fall apart.
2. "In that moment the platform was full of arguing, gesticulating shadows. To Ralph, seated, this seemed the breaking up of sanity."

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Everything is falling apart. Barely anybody can agree on anything and the boys have gone wild. Their sense of civilization is deteriorating. They are becoming wild. The boys are being pushed away from each other. It seems like they are having their own mini war on the island.

"Roger gathered a handful of stones and began to throw them. Yet there was a space round Henry, perhaps six yards in diameter, into which he dare not throw. Here, invisible yet strong, was the taboo of the old life. Round the squatting child was the protection of parents and school and policemen and the law. Roger's arm was conditioned by civilization that knew nothing of him and was in ruins."

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Roger never hurt anybody because he know it was the rules and that he would be in a lot of trouble if he did. But, now that they are on an island by themselves there is not really any consequences for his actions. I think he is starting to at least recognize his freedom in this way. He could do whatever he wants to whoever he wants and most likely get away with it.