Lord of the Flies

Exam Study Guide

***I can …***

* ***Identify how this story operates on the level of a symbolic novel about the nature of humankind and the role of civilization.***
* ***Understand, define, and give examples of literary elements used in Lord of the Flies.***
* ***Classify each of the major characters into an archetype.***
* ***Construct an interpretation of the following symbols: conch, fire, glasses, pig’s head.***
* ***State Golding’s view of the essential nature of humanity.***
* ***Identify major themes used in the novel.***
* ***Interpret what the beast signifies.***
* ***Identify conflicts used in the novel.***
* ***Analyze how the “society” on the island reflects life in the larger world.***

*Describe each character/symbol and what archetype he represents/stands for in the book.*

Piggy-

Ralph-

Simon-

Jack-

conch-

Piggy’s glasses-

Impaled pig’s head (lord of the flies)-

fire-

**Give at least two example of each of the following:**

Foreshadowing:

Internal Conflict:

External Conflict:

Theme:

Symbolism:

**Define allegory and explain how Lord of the Flies functions as an allegory.**

**Define each of the following:**

1. Asyndeton-
2. Polysyndeton
3. Synecdoche-
4. Verisimilitude-

*Answer each of the following questions completely.*

Why are the boys on the island?

How and why do the boys make fire?

What causes the hunters, who had promised to keep the fire going, to neglect it and allow it to go out?

Why is hunting Jack’s motivation on the island?

What leadership qualities does Ralph possess? Jack?

What is the importance of the shattering of the conch?

What is the central theme of Lord of the Flies?

Describe one internal conflict presented in the book.

Describe one external conflict presented in the book.

In what point of view is Lord of the Flies written?

Give one example of dramatic irony in the book.

What is Simon saying when he thinks the “beast” may be inside the boys themselves?

Jack suggests a way to keep the beast happy. What is it?

What is the meaning of the Lord of the Flies’ message to Simon?

What lures the navy ship to the island?

Where is Jack’s tribe headquarters?

Who tells Jack where Ralph is hiding in the last chapter?

When the naval officer asks the boys who is in charge, which character responds?

**Be able to identify examples of figurative language used in the novel**