

Mrs. Huggins
Humanities 11

Summer Reading Assignment

Dear incoming Brook Hill junior –

Congratulations on completion of your sophomore year! I am excited about next year and hope that after a fun-filled summer, we will all come back refreshed and ready for another great year at The Brook Hill School. In order to get a head start on the fall semester, please do the following assignments before returning:

- I. Read and annotate (underline and mark passages) William Golding's novel, *Lord of the Flies*.
- II. Complete the Study Guide Questions for each chapter (due the first day of class).
- III. Complete the Character Chart and "The Six Hunts" worksheet to demonstrate reading comprehension (also due the first day of class).
- IV. You will be tested over this novel during the **first full week** of school. Come prepared!

I'm looking forward to getting to know each one of you! Have a great summer, and I will see you in the fall.

Blessings,
Mrs. Huggins

***Lord of the Flies* Study Questions**

Chapter 1

1. Name and describe the first two characters we meet.
2. What do the two boys discover in their exploration?

To what use do they put it?

3. Who is the elected leader?
4. How is the division of labor arranged?
5. What takes place when Jack, Ralph, and Simon find a piglet caught in the brush?

What effect does the encounter have on Jack?

6. What differences, besides physical ones, are apparent between Ralph and Piggy?

Chapter 2

1. What rule does Ralph lay down at the first assembly?
2. What does the frightened boy tell the group, and how does it affect them?
3. What does Ralph tell the boys they must do to facilitate rescue?

4. What changes had to be made as a result of the fire?
5. Who accepted the responsibility for tending the fire?
6. What further characteristics of Piggy are revealed in this chapter?

Chapter 3

1. How successful is Jack in the second hunt?
2. Who is the only one who helps Ralph build the huts?
3. What conflict arises between Jack and Ralph?
4. Why is Jack so intent on hunting?
5. Why is Ralph so concerned about the "littluns"?
6. What is revealed about Simon in this chapter?
7. What are Golding's implied beliefs about the parliamentary system?

Chapter 4

1. Describe the activities of the "littluns."
2. Who knocks over the sand castles?

3. What is revealed about Roger by his actions in this chapter?

Why does he stop short of actually hitting Henry with the stones?

4. How do the hunters prepare for another hunt?

5. How do the boys react to Piggy? What “role” does he play?

6. Why doesn't the passing ship realize there is someone on the island?

7. Describe the hunters' return from the hunt.

8. How do the hunters react to Ralph's angry tirade?

9. Describe the confrontation between Jack and Piggy.

Chapter 5

1. Why does Ralph call the meeting in this chapter?

2. What brings Ralph into closer sympathy with Piggy?

3. For what does Ralph chide the boys?

4. What are the reactions of the curious boys to the “beast”?

5. Elaborate on Simon's theory about the beast.

How well does he express what he thinks, and how do the others react?

6. Cite evidence from this chapter of deterioration of democratic rule.

Chapter 6

1. What is the sign which comes down from the world of grownups?
2. Why are Sam and Eric so frightened when they are tending the fire?
3. How has the significance of the conch changed?
4. Describe the confrontation which takes place between Ralph and Jack.
5. What bothers Simon? What does he want to say?
6. Why does Ralph agree to a search on the island?
7. Why does Ralph become angry with Jack and his followers?

Chapter 7

1. What does Simon predict as he talks to Ralph? How does Ralph react?
2. Describe the hunt which takes place in this chapter.
3. How does Ralph react to the first hunt in which he participates?
4. What game do the boys play after the hunt?

5. What important question does Ralph ask Jack? What is Jack's answer?
6. Who climbs the mountain to see the beast? How do they react?

Chapter 8

1. Who blows the conch for the assembly? Why?
2. How do the rest of the boys react to Jack's suggestion that Ralph be replaced as leader?

How does Jack respond?

3. What does Simon say they should do?

How do the others react?

4. What is done about the fire?
5. How do the boys feel about Jack's departure?
6. What does Jack tell his band of followers?
7. How does the ensuing hunt differ from the previous ones?
8. What did the hunters do with the head of their kill? Why is it called "the lord of the flies"?

Chapter 9

1. Where does Simon go after he leaves “the lord of the flies”?
2. Why do Ralph and Piggy decide to attend Jack’s feast?
3. What happens when Jack asks Ralph’s followers to join him?
4. What tragic mistake is made in the frenzy and excitement of the dance?
5. What had been Simon’s function in the novel?

Chapter 10

1. Who are the only “biguns” who have remained with Ralph?
2. In what way does Piggy prove himself to be superior to Ralph?
3. How does Jack handle those who disobey his wishes?
4. How does Jack explain Simon’s death to the boys who are with him?
5. Why do Jack’s boys attack Ralph’s?

Chapter 11

1. Why do Ralph and Piggy decide to go to Jack’s fort?

2. Do you think Piggy is fully aware of how far from “civilized behavior” Jack and his followers have degenerated?
3. How can you be sure Jack is no longer playing a game?
4. Why does Piggy feel he has a right to be heard? What happens to him?
5. Why is Piggy’s death equated with the slaughter of the pigs?
6. How does Jack react to Piggy’s death?

Chapter 12

1. When the naval officer looks at the boys, what does he see?
2. What are “the end of innocence” and “the darkness of man’s heart”?
3. Explain the irony of the following:
 - a. The navy cutter was attracted to the island by the fire Jack built to “smoke out” Ralph.
 - b. It is wartime, and the boys are rescued by a military ship.

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The Six Hunts in *Lord of the Flies*

The progressive degeneration of civilization and order can be seen by looking closely at the six hunts which take place in the novel. Evaluate each hunt according to the negative changes which occur during or following it. Write a brief explanation for each:

Chapter 1: Simon, Jack, and Ralph find a piglet tangled in the creepers (vines).

Chapter 3: Jack tracks a pig through the forest, but it gets away.

Chapter 4: Jack and his hunters kill their first pig.

Chapter 8: A mother sow is brutally slaughtered.

Chapter 9: The "beast" is killed on the beach.

Chapter 12: Ralph becomes the prey of the hunters.