














Lord of the Flies by William Golding






Main Characters		
Ralph 	The elected leader: he has natural authority and tries to maintain rules and order.	Civilised, democratic, fallible, considerate, good-natured, athletic, protagonist
Jack 	The leader of the choir and the hunters: he prioritises hunting and becomes more savage as the novel progresses. Jack craves power.	Autocratic, coercive, violent, power-hungry, blood-thirsty, antagonist
Piggy 	Physically weaker than the other boys but rational and intelligent. Ridiculed by the other boys.	Rational, methodical, prudent, vulnerable, loyal, victimised,
Simon 	Sensitive and perceptive. He shows insight and is the only boy to understand the true nature of the beast.	Spiritual, solitary, moral, misunderstood, introspective
Roger 	Jack's main support: his cruelty escalates through the novel. A foil to Simon.	Vicious, sadistic, remorseless
SamnEric 	Twins who are loyal to Ralph until the end: their individual identities are gradually lost.	Well-intentioned, loyal, excitable
Minor other	The Little'uns: mostly anonymous. The youngest boys on the island. Maurice: one of Jack's hunters. Naval Officer: arrives in rescue at the end.	

Plot Overview	
1.	The Sound of the Shell The plane crashes and the boys elect Ralph as leader.
2.	Fire on the Mountain At the first meeting, the boys decide to make a signal fire. A little'un reports seeing a beast.
3.	Huts on the Beach Jack hunts (unsuccessfully), Ralph struggles to make shelters and Simon isolates himself.
4.	Painted Faces and Long Hair Jack paints his face and leads a hunt whilst Ralph sees a ship which doesn't rescue them as the fire has gone out. Jack hits Piggy and the boys eat the hunted pig.
5.	Beast from Water Ralph calls a meeting to try to re-establish rules.
6.	Beast from Air A plane is shot down and the dead parachutist lands on the island—Sam and Eric discover it ("a beast")
7.	Shadows and Tall Trees Ralph joins a boar hunt and enjoys joining in with a later re-enactment. Jack, Ralph and Roger also mistake the parachutist for the beast.
8.	Gift for the Darkness The hunters brutally kill a pig and offer its head on a stick as a sacrifice to the beast. Simon hallucinates the pig speaking to him.
9.	The View to a Death Simon tries to warn the other boys that there is no beast but the crazed group mistake him for the beast and murder him.
10.	The Shell and The Glasses Jack has taken control of most of the boys. They plan to raid Ralph and Piggy's camp and steal the glasses.
11.	Castle Rock Roger pushes a boulder which kills Piggy and smashes the conch. Ralph runs away.
12.	Cry of the Hunters The hunters hunt Ralph before the boys are rescued by a Naval Officer.

Key
Vocabulary
Primal
Repressed
Altruistic
Allegory
Foreshadowing
Omniscient narrator
Microcosm
Savagery
Inherent
Civilisation
Regression
Primitive
Morality

Themes		
Civilisation v Savagery  	Innocence 	Violence 
Fear 	Human Nature 	Power 

Symbolism			
democracy 	science and intellect 	evil and violence 	hope / destruction 