

## Lord of the Flies Socratic Seminar

In preparation for the Socratic Seminar, study the following questions. Each question should be answered thoroughly with textual support and personal insights. After you develop each question, devise other questions to pose to the entire class.

As with every Socratic Seminar, these are the rules:

- Be present and on time.
- Be prepared with book(s), notes, study guides, etc.
- One person talks at a time.
- Pay strict attention to each person as he/she speaks. You will not receive a point for repeating somebody else's information. You will lose a point if you talk to your neighbor, doodle, make faces at classmates, etc.
- You MUST participate!!! Failure to participate will result in failure of this assignment. Simple saying "I agree" will not earn you a point. You must explain and expand on all ideas. Use textual support.

1. How does Ralph plan on getting Piggy's glasses back?
2. Why are they so concerned about how they look when they go to meet Jack?
3. What is meant by "They understood only too well the liberation into savagery that concealing paint brought."
4. Is the rivalry between the groups a game? Do all of the boys think it is serious?
5. Why doesn't Jack worry about a signal fire?
6. What is better "law and rescue or hunting and breaking up?"
7. What is the symbolic meaning of the shattered conch?
8. How is Piggy killed?
9. What are Samneric forced to do?
10. How does Jack plan to kill Ralph? How does Ralph find out?
11. What is the purpose of a stick sharpened at both ends?
12. What else could Ralph have done to protect himself?
13. Is Ralph the same as a pig? Is Ralph the same as Piggy?
14. Why is the boys' rescue so ironic?
15. What would have happened if the officer hadn't arrived?
16. Does the officer believe that two boys have died? What did he expect from British boys?
17. What does Ralph realize about mankind in general?
18. Create at least one question to ask your classmates.