

Lord of the Flies by William Golding
Chapter Five: Beast from Water (76-94)

Journal Prompt: When you were a child, what were you afraid of? (Were you afraid of the dark? Big dogs? Authority figures?) How did you deal with your fears? How did the adults in your life react to your fears? Did they offer comfort or did they scold you?

Vocabulary

1. improvisation (76) What is meant by “every path was an improvisation”?
2. sanity (88) What does Ralph think is the breaking up of sanity?
3. inarticulate (89) Why is Simon inarticulate?
4. appalled (93) Why is Piggy appalled?
5. convey (94) What are the boys discussing when they try to convey the majesty of adult life?

Reading Comprehension Questions

1. What is Ralph discovering that he dislikes about the way he is living? (77)
2. What has Ralph discovered about the role of being a leader? (78)
3. What four points does Ralph bring up at the assembly? (79-82)
4. What is Ralph’s approach to dealing with the problem of people getting frightened? What is Jack’s approach? What does he say and how is his tone different from Ralph’s? (82)
5. Phil reports he saw something at night in the jungle. What was it (84-85)
6. What does Piggy predict would happen if Ralph were to give up being chief? (93)
7. **Mini Essay:** Piggy says “What’s grown-ups going to think?” (91) when he sees what the boys are doing. Why do you think the opinion of grown-ups is important to Piggy? What relationship does the adult world have to the boy’s world on the island?