

*Lord of the Flies* by William Golding  
**Chapter Six: Beast from Air (95-108)**

**Journal Prompt:** Why do people question authority? Think of a personal or historical example when people did (or did not) question authority. Analyze whether what happened was right or wrong and why they did (or did not) question authority.

Vocabulary

1. embroiled (102) Why does Piggy feel uncomfortably embroiled?
2. impenetrable (104) What is impenetrable?
3. compressed (107) What makes Ralph so angry that his lips are compressed?
4. clamor (108) Why does a clamor break out?
5. mutinously (108) Why do the boys matter mutinously?

Reading Comprehension Questions

1. What is the “beast from air”? (95) At first, who knows it is there? (dramatic irony) Who eventually discovers it? (98)
2. What excuses does Ralph give to let Piggy stay behind when the other boys go hunt for the beast? (101)
3. What does Simon see when he pictures the beast? (103)
4. Why is Ralph indecisive about the beast? (105)
5. Ralph and Jack go on a search for the beast on the pink rock that is like a castle. For what does Jack say it would be a good place? Explain why he feels this way. What does Ralph say about the place? (106)
6. What are the boys doing that makes Ralph angry? Why does this make him angry? (107, 108)
7. Mini Essay: Golding writes, “and with a violent swing to Ralph’s side, the crisis passed” (102). Summarize the conflict that escalated between Jack and Ralph. Ralph’s authority is questioned again at the end of the chapter. How does he regain control? From these two instances, what is your opinion of Jack as a leader?