

Lord of the Flies by William Golding
Chapter Three: Huts on the Beach (48-57)

Journal Prompt: Describe a situation where people were supposed to work together as a group but not everyone did their fair share. What was your role in the group? What was the outcome of the project?

Vocabulary

1. vicissitudes (49) Why has Jack experienced the vicissitudes of a day's hunting?
2. gesticulated (50) Why does Ralph gesticulate?
3. compulsion (51) What is the compulsion Jack feels?
4. baffled (55) What makes Jack and Ralph baffled?
5. sufficient (55) What is just sufficient enough to bring Jack and Ralph closer together again after their antagonism

Reading Comprehension Questions

1. How has Jack's appearance changed since the last chapter? (48-49)
2. What is Jack doing in the woods? What is Ralph doing while Jack is in the woods? (48-50)
3. What are two reasons the boys give for needing shelters? (52)
4. Why do you think Jack feels that sometimes he's being hunted when he is alone in the forest? (53)
5. Where does Simon go when he leaves the boys (55-57)
6. What does Simon do for the littluns when he is walking through the acres of fruit trees? (56)
7. Mini Essay: Simon is the symbol of absolute goodness that Golding keeps apart from the evil that exists in the other boys. First, describe Simon's behavior in this chapter. What do you learn about his character from his actions and the other boys' opinions of him? Second, tell what you think Simon's opinion is about Ralph, Jack and Piggy, the situation on the island, and the need to go off and be alone.