

Vocabulary Definitions

Lord of the Flies by William Golding

Directions: Write your own sentence using each of the words as you come across them in your reading. The meaning of the word should be clear from the context of your sentence. Whenever possible, make your sentence relate to the story. Write your sentences in the space provided below the definition. You also need to provide a word web (to be worked on in class).

Example: p. 9 spectacles (n): eye glasses

Sentence: The fat boy has been wearing spectacles since he was three to improve his eyesight.

Chapter One

- p.9 foliage (n): a mass of leaves (as of a plant or forest)
- p.15 conch (n): a large spiral shell
- p.19 incredulous (adj): skeptical, expressing disbelief
- p.21 intimidated (v): timid or fearful, frightened
- p.31 enormity (n): an outrageous act

Chapter Two

- p.35 induce (v): to persuade or influence
- p.38 errant (adj): going astray, esp. doing wrong
- p.42 savages (n): a rude, unmannerly, or brutal person
- p.44 awe (n): respectful fear inspired by authority; admiration, reverence, astonishment, wonder
- p.45 tirade (n): a prolonged speech of abuse or condemnation

Chapter Three

- p. 49 vicissitudes (n): changes from one thing to another, esp. irregular, unexpected, or surprising changes
- p. 50 gesticulated (v): to make gestures esp. when speaking
- p. 51 compulsion (n): an irresistible impulse or urge
- p. 55 baffled (v): frustrated, confused
- p. 55 sufficient (adj): adequate to accomplish a purpose or meet a need; enough

Chapter Four

- p. 59 distinct (adj): distinguished from others; separate, individual
- p. 60 chastisement (v): to punish, esp. bodily
- p. 62 taboo (adj): a prohibition imposed by social usage or as a protection; banned, forbidden
- p. 69 irrelevance (n): not related to the matter at hand; immaterial; trivial; insignificant
- p. 70 imposed (v): to force upon; inflict

Chapter Five

- p. 76 improvisation (v): to make up on the spur of the moment, ad-lib
- p. 88 sanity (n): a soundness of mind; reason
- p. 89 inarticulate (adj): unable to speak clearly; incomprehensible
- p. 93 appalled (v): to overcome with horror, dismay, shock
- p. 94 convey (v): communicate, impart

Chapter Six

- p. 102 embroiled (v): thrown into confusion or strife, entangled
- p. 104 impenetrable (adj): incapable of being penetrated or pierced, impassable
- p. 107 compressed (v): to squeeze together, condense
- p. 108 clamor (n): a noisy shouting; vigorous protest or demand
- p. 108 mutinously (adv): refusal to obey an authority

Chapter Seven

- p. 109 toilet (n): the act of dressing or grooming oneself
- p. 112 loiter (v): linger, to hang around idly, dawdle
- p. 113 apprehension (n): dread, fear
- p. 115 vulnerable (adj): capable of being wounded; defenseless, exposed, unprotected
- p. 118 antagonism (n): active opposition or hostility; conflict, discord

Chapter Eight

- p. 125 serenade (v): to entertain with, or perform music intended as a compliment, esp. outdoors at night for a lady
- p. 133 fervor (n): intense feeling or expression; enthusiasm, ardor
- p. 136 raid (n): a sudden, usu. Surprise attack or invasion
- p. 139 vexed (v): to be irritated or annoyed
- p. 141 sufficiency (n): the state or quality of being enough, adequate

Chapter Nine

- p. 149 intruded (v): to thrust, enter, or force in or upon; impose, invade, trespass
- p. 149 derision (n): contempt, disdain, mockery, ridicule, scorn
- p. 150 tremulously (adv): in a manner that is apprehensive, frightened, nervous or timid
- p. 152 abominable (adj): appalling, dreadful, horrifying, terrible

Chapter Ten

- p. 158 convulsively (adv): abnormal and violent involuntary contraction or series of contractions of muscle
- p. 160 earnest (adj): sincere
- p. 160 interrogative (n): asking a question
- p. 161 implication (n): suggestion, insinuation
- p. 162 hearth (n): an area in front of a fireplace, usu. made of brick

Chapter Eleven

- p. 169 myopia (n): shortsightedness, nearsightedness
- p. 172 liberation (n): freedom from bondage; release
- p. 173 propitiating (adv): to gain or regain the favor of; appease, soothe, pacify, placate
- p. 179 ferocity (n): the quality of being fierce or savage
- p. 180 talisman (n): an object thought to act as a charm

Chapter Twelve

- p. 186 ambushing (v): concealed persons attacking an enemy by surprise
- p. 187 inimical (adj): hostile and unfriendly
- p. 189 ululation (n): howl or wail
- p. 196 simpleton (n): fool
- p. 202 spasm (n): an involuntary and abnormal muscular contraction