

Lord of the Flies by William Golding
Chapter Eight: Gift for the Darkness (124-144)

Journal Prompt: What are the qualities of a good leader? What are the qualities of a bad leader? Give an example of someone who is a good leader and someone who is a bad leader and explain why.

Vocabulary

1. serenade (125) Why does Jack serenade the sun with the conch?
2. fervor (133) What does Jack say that creates a fervor?
3. raid (136) What does Jack say they'll take during the raid?
4. vexed (139) What makes Ralph feel vexed?
5. sufficiency (141) What happened to Ralph that might make the boys doubt his sufficiency?

Reading Comprehension Questions

1. How does Jack respond when Ralph calls his hunters “boys armed with sticks” (125). What does Jack do and say when the boys don’t respond to his question about not having Ralph be chief? (127)
2. What does Piggy suggest they do, since they can’t return to the mountain to build a fire? (129)
3. Why does Simon suggest they go back to the mountain? (128)
4. After Jack announces that he is going to be chief, what decisions does he make? (133)
5. What gift do the boys leave for the beast after they kill the pig? (136) Why do they leave it for the beast? (133)
6. What is the Lord of the Flies, literally and symbolically?
7. **Mini Essay:** Jack says, “I’m not going to play anymore” (127). *Are* the boys playing? What is the difference between *playing* and *reality* for these boys? How does Jack use the idea of the Beast to control and direct the boys in his tribe? What do you think of Jack’s qualities as a leader?