

Lord of the Flies by William Golding
Chapter Seven: Shadows and Tall Trees (109-123)

Journal Prompt: What kinds of imaginative games do kids play? What is the significance of role-playing for kids? How does it affect them? How can it be a predictor of the future?

Vocabulary

1. toilet (109) What does Ralph plan to include in his toilet?
2. loiter (112) Why is Ralph glad to loiter?
3. apprehension (133) What fills Ralph with apprehension?
4. vulnerable (115) Why does Ralph want to squeeze the vulnerable flesh of the pig?
5. antagonism (118) What does Ralph understand from the rising antagonism?

Reading Comprehension Questions

1. Ralph is no longer the carefree boy who stood on his head when he first discovered the island had no adults. Now, although he feels the weight of the responsibility, he still reverts to childlike behaviors. What are two that he mentions? (109)
2. What does Ralph daydream about? (112)
3. How does Ralph feel about hitting the boar with his spear? (113)
4. What is the significance of Ralph not being a very good chess player? (117)
5. Who volunteers to go alone through the forest to tell Piggy the boys will return after dark? (117)
6. Ralph's eyes are blinded by tears and he says, "Ashes. We're on the edge of the burnt patch" (120). How did the patch get burnt and what happened as a result?
7. Mini Essay: The boys begin to chant "Kill the pig! Cut his throat! Kill the pig! Bash him in!" (144). Summarize what is happening in the scene and discuss the significance of it. When Ralph gets caught up in the pig hunt, what does his reaction tell you about him? What does Jack's comment, "Use a littlun" (115), reveal about him?