

Lord of the Flies by William Golding
Chapter Ten: The Shell and the Glasses (155-168)

Journal Prompt: It is said that “power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely.” Give a personal or historical example of how power corrupts

Vocabulary

1. convulsively (158) Why does the memory of the dance make the boys shake convulsively?
2. earnest (160) What does Jack explain in an earnest manner?
3. interrogative (160) What question is Stanley trying to ask when he raises an interrogative finger?
4. implication (161) What implication of further terrors scares the boys?
5. hearth (162) What is the other purpose of the fire besides to be a hearth?

Reading Comprehension Questions

1. How does Piggy blame what happened to Simon on Simon himself? (157)
2. Why does the situation involving Wilfred cause Roger to wonder about irresponsible authority? (159, 160)
3. Jack tells the boys that the beast might come again and Stanley indicates that he thought they had already killed it. (160) Why do you think Jack is trying to keep the idea of the beast alive?
4. How does Golding show that Ralph is beginning to forget what, up to now, he has considered to be their most important goal? (163)
5. What is the significance of Sam’n’Eric fighting against each other in their sleep? (165)
6. What was the goal of Jack’s boys’ raid on Ralph’s shelter in the middle of the night? (161) What did they take? (168)
7. Mini Essay: What kind of leader is Jack? Has power corrupted him? Consider how he gained control and what he does to hold on to his position. Use examples from this chapter and previous chapters as support for your answer.