

*Lord of the Flies* by William Golding  
**Chapter Twelve: Cry of the Hunters (183-202)**

Journal Prompt: Describe a time when, as a child, you were involved in an activity you took very seriously but which adults considered to be childish

Vocabulary

1. ambushing (186)      What are the ambushing fears that Ralph fears?
2. inimical (187)      What are the inimical creatures doing?
3. ululation (189)      Why is Eric demonstrating an ululation?
4. simpleton (196)      What causes Ralph to become a simpleton?
5. spasm (202)      Why does Ralph weep with spasms on grief?

Reading Comprehension Questions

1.      What does Ralph realize when he sees Bill and then thinks, “this was not Bill. This was a savage whose image refused to blend with that ancient picture of a boy in shorts and shirt” (183)
2.      What does Ralph do when he finds the pig skull stuck on a stick? What becomes his weapon? (185)
3.      According to Samneric, what plans does Jack have for Ralph? (188, 189)
4.      What is used in the first attempt to flush out Ralph from the thicket? (193) What do they try when that fails? (195)
5.      Discuss why is it interesting that Ralph remarks to himself, “The fools! The fools! The fire must be almost at the fruit trees—what would they eat tomorrow?” (198). Who is Ralph concerned about?
6.      Why is it ironic for the naval officer to say, “What have you been doing? Having a war or something?” (201). What does the naval officer picture and how is that different from what really happened?
7.      Mini Essay: Comment on the following quote: “And in the middle of them, with filthy body, matted hair, and unwiped nose, Ralph wept for the end of innocence, the darkness of man’s heart, and the fall through the air of the true wise friend called Piggy” (202). What statement is being made about the events in the book, but most importantly, about life?