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Lord of the Flies ~ Chapters 2 & 3 ~ Small Group Questions

A symbol is any noun (person, place, or thing) that represents an idea or a concept. We figure out what certain objects symbolize by looking at how the objects are used and how characters react to those objects.

Analyzing the Title – “Fire on the Mountain”

1. What is fire used for? What can fire do? Hint: think about the positive and negative uses for fire.

2. What are some possible concepts that “fire” might symbolize?

Chapter 2:

The Meeting – Ralph calls a meeting at the beginning of chapter 2 to discuss the island.

3. What does Jack bring up at the beginning of the meeting in chapter 2?

4. What type of emotion does Jack show while he is talking about the pig and what does it tell the reader about Jack?

5. Why is Jack excited about making rules and what is it about the rules that Jack looks forward to? Explain your answer.

6. What does Jack’s reaction to the rules tell the reader about Jack?

7. What is the first question that Piggy asks the group at the meeting?

8. What do Piggy’s questions and concerns at the meeting tell the reader about his personality? Explain your answer.

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9. At this point in the chapter 2 what do you think Ralph and Piggy symbolize?

1pnt

10. What does the boys' out of control reaction tell reader about the group as a whole?

1pnt

11. Based on what the conch, Ralph, and Piggy symbolize, what could the group running up the mountain represent?

Symbolism - The Conch – It'd a shell, ever so valuable!

1pnt

12. What does Ralph use the conch for at the beginning of chapter 2?

1pnt

13. How does Ralph incorporate the conch into the rules?

1pnt

14. What is the purpose of the conch's rule?

1pnt

15. Based on how the conch has been used and how it has helped Ralph, what are at least 3 different ideas that the conch might symbolize?

2pnts

16. What 2 things is Piggy worried about when Jack goes to take his glasses? How does this add to Piggy's symbolism?

1pnt

17. What would it symbolize if the conch was broken? Hint: think about what the conch has been used for and the rules that it represents.

1pnt

18. After the fire is lit what does Jack say about the conch when Piggy tries to speak?

1pnt

19. What could be the consequences if Jack doesn't follow the rule of the conch?

Symbolism – A Beastie – There is nothing to fear, but fear itself!

2pnts

20. What does the boy with the birthmark fear? Give a description of the boy's fear.

1pnt

21. What are some possible consequences of the boy sharing his fear with the rest of the group? Explain your answer.

1pnt

22. What does Ralph say about the snake thing or beastie?

2pnts

23. What does Jack say about the snake thing or beastie? How are Jack's comments undermining Ralph? What might Jack's commentary symbolize?

2pnts

24. How does the group react as Ralph continues to assert that there is no beast? What idea might Golding be raising about fear? Explain your answer.

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25. How does Ralph distract the boys from fear? What message might Golding be conveying with this interaction? Explain your answer.

Symbolism - Piggy's Glasses – I've been wearing specs since I was three!

1pnt

26. What are eye glasses normally used for? What does the group use Piggy's glasses for?

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27. What would happen to Piggy and the group if Piggy's glasses were broken? Are the consequences the same for both the group and Piggy? Explain your answer.

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28. Based on your answers from above what might Piggy's glasses symbolize?

Symbolism - Fire – We didn't start the fire; it was always burning...

1pnt

29. How do the boys react to Ralph's idea to make a fire? How does their reaction add to the symbolism of fire?

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30. Why do Ralph and Jack feel shameful once they get all of the wood piled up for the fire?

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31. What does Piggy claim the group should have done before making a fire?

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34. Who sticks up for Piggy when Jack verbally abuses him?

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35. What does Jack say about rules after Ralph says “We ought to have more rules.”?

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36. What two jobs does Jack say his hunters will be responsible for?

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37. What are some possible implications if Jack and his hunters are not responsible?

Chapter Three: Huts on the Beach

1pnt

38. How does Golding indicate the passage of time in chapter three?

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39. How have the boys changed since chapters 1 & 2?

1pnt

40. The term “insects” as used in this chapter is ambiguous. What two meanings can be applied?

2pnts

41. In addition to the huts on the beach being a shelter from the weather, in what symbolic way does Ralph think that the shelters are important?

2pnts

42. What is causing the friction between Ralph and Jack? Give at least two examples to support your point.

2pnts

43. When Jack is hunting or talking about hunting, what kind of look does he have? What does this signify?

5pnts

44. Think about Simon's interaction with the group through chapter 3, give a character analysis of Simon up to this point in the story. Give at least five examples from the book (doesn't have to be cited) that adds to Simon's development and his symbolism.

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45. Based on what has happened through chapter three, make a prediction what your group thinks is going to happen in the book. Your prediction must be based on evidence from the first three chapters. Answer must be at least 5 sentences in length.

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Answer key: Answers do not have to be identical to the ones on the answer key but they should be very similar to them and show an understanding of the questions.

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Analyzing the Title – “Fire on the Mountain”

46. What is fire used for? What can fire do? Hint: think about the positive and negative uses for fire.

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Fire can be used for heat to keep warm or to cook food, it can be used for light to see. It can be used as a signal. It can destroy things, burn down your house. Anything else that addresses the topic.

47. What are some possible concepts that “fire” might symbolize?

1pnt

Survival, rescue, comfort, warmth, sight, destruction, purify, ... any other “concepts” that relate to a use for fire.

Chapter 2:

The Meeting – Ralph calls a meeting at the beginning of chapter 2 to discuss the island.

48. What does Jack bring up at the beginning of the meeting in chapter 2?

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That there are pigs on the island and they need to hunt them.

49. What type of emotion does Jack show while he is talking about the pig and what does it tell the reader about Jack?

1pnt

Jack gets very fired up when he is talking about hunting, he is almost angry and challenging the rest of the group about whether or not he can hunt. It shows that Jack is bothered by the fact that he didn't kill the pig in the first chapter.

50. Why is Jack excited about making rules and what is it about the rules that Jack looks forward to? Explain your answer.

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Jack is excited to make rules so that he can enforce them. He like the idea of imposing his power on other kids.

51. What does Jack's reaction to the rules tell the reader about Jack?

1pnt

It tells the reader that Jack is a confrontational person that is power hungry and likes to impose his power on other people.

52. What is the first question that Piggy asks the group at the meeting?

1pnt

Who knows we're here?

53. What do Piggy's questions and concerns at the meeting tell the reader about his personality? Explain your answer.

1pnt

Piggy's questions and concerns show that he is more mature than the other boys. Piggy is the only one asking intelligent questions that deal with the boys' survival.

54. At this point in the chapter 2 what do you think Ralph and Piggy symbolize?

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Ralph is the chief – symbol of authority

Piggy is a rational thinker – symbol of logic or maturity of thought

55. What does the boys' out of control reaction tell reader about the group as a whole?

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It tells the reader that they boys are immature and that they are not ready to handle mature adult situations in a serious way.

56. Based on what the conch, Ralph, and Piggy symbolize, what could the group running up the mountain represent?

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This could represent abandoning intelligence, leadership, and order... it could be an emphasis on having fun and following Jack.

Symbolism - The Conch – It'd a shell, ever so valuable!

57. What does Ralph use the conch for at the beginning of chapter 2?

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Ralph uses the conch to call an assembly.

58. How does Ralph incorporate the conch into the rules?

1pnt

He makes it the first rule – you can't talk unless you have the conch.

59. What is the purpose of the conch's rule?

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The purpose is the keep order during the assemblies so that everyone is not talking at once.

60. Based on how the conch has been used and how it has helped Ralph, what are at least 3 different ideas that the conch might symbolize?

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Order, leadership, authority, unity... any of the 3 or anything similar to these.

61. What 2 things is Piggy worried about when Jack goes to take his glasses? What does Piggy's

1pnt

He's worried about his glasses and the conch.

62. What would it symbolize if the conch was broken? Hint: think about what the conch has been used for and the rules that it represents.

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It would symbolize a loss of order and unity, a lack of leadership and authority.

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63. After the fire is lit what does Jack say about the conch when Piggy tries to speak?

The conch doesn't count on the top of the mountain.

1pnt

64. What could be the consequences if Jack doesn't follow the rule of the conch?

It could lead to a loss of order and things could turn chaotic among the boys, it could hinder their survival and how well they get along while they are

3pnts

Symbolism – A Beastie – There is nothing to fear, but fear itself!

65. What does the boy with the birthmark fear? Give a description of the boy's fear.

2pnts

A snake thing, a beast or beastie, he saw it in the woods and it turned into one of those vines or branches in the trees. It came and wanted to eat him.

2pnts

66. What are some possible consequences of the boy sharing his fear with the rest of the group? Explain your answer.

Some possible consequences are that boys that were not afraid before will now be afraid. It could cause the boys to act un-orderly because they are afraid.

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67. What does Ralph say about the snake thing or beastie?

A beast or a snake thing

2pnts

68. What does Jack say about the snake thing or beastie? How are Jack's comments undermining Ralph? What might Jack's commentary symbolize?

Him and his hunters will hunt it and kill it!

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69. How does the group react as Ralph continues to assert that there is no beast? What idea might Golding be raising about fear? Explain your answer.

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70. How does Ralph distract the boys from fear? What message might Golding be conveying with this interaction? Explain your answer.

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They just sort of seem to accept what he says. They don't really seem too concerned or worried.

Symbolism - Piggy's Glasses – I've been wearing specs since I was three!**1pnt**

71. What are eye glasses normally used for? What does the group use Piggy's glasses for?

To improve someone's sight ... to help someone see better. To light the fire.

2pnts

72. What would happen to Piggy and the group if Piggy's glasses were broken? Are the consequences the same for both the group and Piggy? Explain your answer.

Piggy wouldn't be able to see and the group as a whole would jeopardize their survival and chances of being rescued.

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73. Based on your answers from above what might Piggy's glasses symbolize?

Clarity, understanding, survival, rescue...

Symbolism - Fire – We didn't start the fire; it was always burning...**1pnt**

74. How do the boys react to Ralph's idea to make a fire? How does their reaction add to the symbolism of fire?

They go running up the mountain in a chaotic crazed fashion.

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75. Why do Ralph and Jack feel shameful once they get all of the wood piled up for the fire?

They feel shameful because they have no way to light the fire.

2pnts

76. What does Piggy claim the group should have done before making a fire?

Figure out how many of them were on the island.

2pnts

77. What do Piggy's actions and comments after the fire is lit say about his personality?

That he thinks before he acts. He doesn't just do things to do them he thinks about problems and issues in a serious mature manner.

78. What are the consequences of the huge fire that the boys make?

It could hurt or kill them... it could burn up all of their food

79. Who sticks up for Piggy when Jack verbally abuses him?

2pnts

Simon

80. What does Jack say about rules after Ralph says “We ought to have more rules.”?

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We’ve got to have rules and obey them... we’re not savages... we’ve got to do the right things.

81. What two jobs does Jack say his hunters will be responsible for?

1pnt

Hunting and watching out for ships.

82. What are some possible implications if Jack and his hunters are not responsible?

1pnt

They might not see a ship and they could fail to get rescued... they could slack on hunting and not have anything to eat.

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