

'We've got to have rules and obey them. After all we're not savages.'
Discuss Jack's statement in Chapter Two in the light of the events of Chapters One to Five of 'Lord of the Flies'

Introduction

- Introduce the essay – explain the basic idea behind the plot.
- Discuss the character of Jack and the context of the statement.
- Discuss the themes of order, as opposed to savagery.

You may wish to begin your essay with the following sentence:

'Lord of the Flies' follows the story of a group of boys stranded on an isolated desert island...'

Main Body

A) The arrival of the boys on the Island.

You may wish to include the following points:

- Jack's behaviour and treatment of the choir
- The uniform of the choir
- The imposition of rules and the creation of the hunters.

You may wish to begin this section of the main body with the following sentence:

'We first meet the character of Jack towards the end of Chapter One. At this point...'

B) Changes in the rules and changes in Jack's character.

You may wish to include the following points:

- The treatment and of Piggy and the behaviour of Jack.
- The Conch and the mountain.
- The Beast.
- Jack and hunting, as described in Chapter three.

You may wish to begin this section of the main body with the following sentence:

'In chapter two the boys, led by Jack, decide that...'

C) The move to savagery.

You may wish to include the following points:

- Jack's obsession with Piggy.
- The change in the language describing Jack and his changing behaviour.
- Jack's change in appearance – painted faces.

You may wish to begin this section of the main body with the following sentence:

'Golding illustrates the change in Jack's character in a variety of ways...'

Conclusion

You may wish to include the following points:

- The move from civilised behaviour towards savagery
- A summary of the changes that have taken place.
- The implication for the community.

You may wish to begin this section of the main body with the following sentence:

'In conclusion...'