

Lord of the Flies

Journal Activity

The idea of a plane crashing on a deserted island seems far-fetched. Even more far-fetched is the notion that a number of middle school boys would survive the crash and live on the island. *Lord of the Flies*, however, is much more than an ordinary tale of survival in perilous circumstances. Author William Golding pits the leadership styles of Ralph (the protagonist) against Jack (the antagonist) in an epic story of adolescent transformation and survival. As you read along this summer, your job will be the following:

****You can either hand write the assignments below or complete them in a word processing application like Microsoft Word or Google Docs.****

1. Create an identity for yourself. Imagine another character that is living on the island and watching the events as they take place. What is your name? How old are you? Do you resent your attendance on this trip now that this catastrophe has occurred?
2. While reading, make mental notes of examples of leadership (and important decision making) by characters in the novel. This will be important later!
3. Write two journal entries while reading the book. Each entry should be an analysis of leadership examples your character witnessed during your reading. Each entry should be at least two paragraphs long. Complete the following in each entry:
 - a. What character showed leadership? How did they show leadership? Quote or paraphrase the example you have chosen, and provide page and chapter numbers.
 - b. How did you and other characters in the book react to this leadership?
 - c. Why do you think the character made this decision or acted in this way?
 - d. What figures in history have shown leadership like this? What was the result? You will need to conduct some research.
 - e. Predict how this leader's decision may impact future events in the book.