

Lesson 1

Lord of the Flies

Chapters 1-2

Lesson 1 Directions

Pre-Reading

1. Preview (read through) the study questions for *Lord of the Flies* Chapters 1-2.
2. Complete the Vocabulary Worksheet for *Lord of the Flies* Chapters 1-2.

Reading

1. Read *Lord of the Flies* Chapters 1-2.
2. Keep your study questions in mind as you read.

Post-Reading

1. Answer all of the study guide questions for Chapters 1-2.
2. Complete the Reader Response Assignment for Chapters 1-2.

Vocabulary Chapters 1-2 Part I

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the bold words mean in the space provided.

1. Ralph had been deceived before now by the **specious** appearance of depth in a beach pool and he approached this one preparing to be disappointed.
2. The most usual feature of the rock was a pink cliff surmounted by a **skewed** block.
3. There was another island: a rock, almost detached, standing like a fort, facing them across the green with one bold, pink **bastion**.
4. There came a pause, a **hiatus**, the pig continued to scream and the creepers to jerk, and the blade continued to flash at the end of a bony arm.
5. He **gesticulated** widely.
6. Then, with the martyred expression of a parent who has to keep up with the senseless **ebullience** of the children...
7. A **pall** stretched for miles away from the island.

Vocabulary Chapters 1-2 Part II

Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions.

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| 1. specious | A. a break |
| 2. skewed | B. a well-fortified position |
| 3. bastion | C. a gloomy effect |
| 4. hiatus | D. plausible but actually false |
| 5. gesticulated | E. zestful enthusiasm |
| 6. ebullience | F. turned to one side |
| 7. pall | G. made hand motions |

Study Questions Chapters 1-2

1. Identify:

Ralph

Piggy

Simon

Jack

Sam & Eric

Maurice

Roger

"The littluns"

2. How did the boys happen to come to the island?

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3. What do the boys have that is the symbol of authority in the society they form?

4. What does the reader learn about Jack when he slashed the green candle buds?

5. Why does Jack hesitate when he lifts his knife to kill the piglet, and what does he promise will happen next time he meets a pig?

6. Who are the hunters, and what is their job?

7. What does a little 'un think he has seen in the forest?

8. How and why do the boys make fire?

9. Why does the boys' plan for rescue fail?



Reader Response Entry Chapters 1-2

In the space below, write a substantial response to the chapters of the book you have just read. It could be your thoughts on one of the following: an idea presented, an event, a character's actions or attitude, a topic related in some way to something presented in this section of the novel, a response to a particular passage that stood out to you as you read, or you could write a creative response like a poem or song lyrics as long as it is relevant in some way to what you have just read.