

Lord of the Flies: Quick Notes Revision Quiz

Plot, characters, context, themes and an exam-style plan for William Golding's *Lord of the Flies*.

Name _____ Date _____ Class _____

Learning objective: I can recall the plot, characters, themes and context of *Lord of the Flies*.

✓ I know the plot ✓ I can link characters and themes ✓ I can use context

1 The plot

Number the events of *Lord of the Flies* in order.

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A Piggy is killed and the conch is shattered.

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B Ralph and Piggy find the conch.

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C A naval officer arrives and rescues the boys.

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D Simon is killed during a frenzied dance.

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E Ralph is elected chief.

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F Jack's hunters let the signal fire go out.

2 Characters

Match each character to a description.

1 Ralph

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A leader of the hunters

2 Piggy

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B cruel boy who becomes increasingly violent

3 Jack

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C quiet, kind boy who understands the 'beast'

4 Simon

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D elected leader who wants rescue and order

5 Roger

☐

E intelligent, practical boy with glasses

3 Themes

For each theme, give one moment where it appears and the character most linked to it.

Theme	Where it appears	Linked character
Civilisation vs savagery		
Power and leadership		
Loss of innocence		

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4 Context and themes

	TRUE	FALSE
1 The novel was published in 1954.	☐	☐
2 The boys are stranded on an island during a war.	☐	☐
3 The conch represents order and democracy.	☐	☐
4 Golding believed people are naturally good when free from rules.	☐	☐

5 Exam practice

How does Golding present the struggle between civilisation and savagery? Plan three points. Use quotations you have learned.

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Answer Key

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Question	Answers
1 The plot	Correct order: B, E, F, D, A, C Ralph and Piggy find the conch. → Ralph is elected chief. → Jack's hunters let the signal fire go out. → Simon is killed during a frenzied dance. → Piggy is killed and the conch is shattered. → A naval officer arrives and rescues the boys.
2 Characters	1 D; 2 E; 3 A; 4 C; 5 B
3 Themes	Civilisation vs savagery – Where it appears: the boys paint their faces and hunt , Linked character: Jack Power and leadership – Where it appears: the election; Jack forms his own tribe , Linked character: Ralph / Jack Loss of innocence – Where it appears: Ralph weeps at the rescue , Linked character: Ralph
4 Context and themes	1 True; 2 True; 3 True; 4 False – Golding suggests that without rules, people's darker instincts can take over
5 Exam practice	Look for: • Ralph and the conch vs Jack and the hunters • Symbols: the conch, the fire, Piggy's glasses • Context: the Second World War, the Cold War, Golding's navy service

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