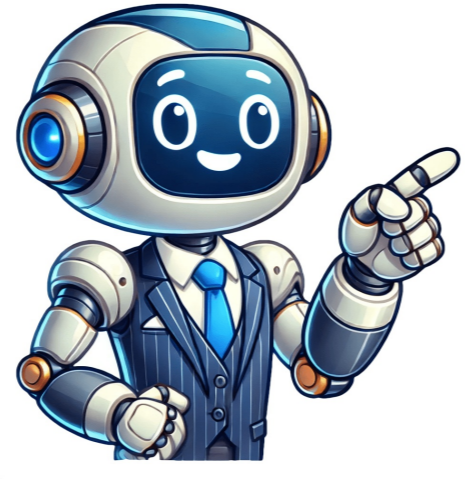


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Lord of the Flies Timeline The plot of 'Lord of the Flies' follows the adventures of a group of schoolboys who are stranded without adult supervision on a deserted island. It is unclear how long the boys are on the island for; what is clear is that the boys soon begin to descend into evil and those who try to cling onto civilisation are hunted to the death.

Chapter 1: The Sound of the Shell The novel opens with the boys realising that they are stranded on a deserted island without any grown-ups. Ralph and Piggy meet first and use the conch to call a meeting. Once all the boys are together, they elect a leader: Ralph. Ralph, Ralph, Jack and Simon explore the island. Chapter 2: Fire on the Mountain At a meeting, the boys begin to organise themselves. A littlun first mentions the beast but is laughed at. The boys collect wood for a fire to attract rescue. The fire burns out of control and kills one of the smaller boys. Chapter 3: Huts on the Beach Tension is sparked as Jack starts to hunt and Ralph wants to build shelters. Simon withdraws into the woods by himself for quiet contemplation. Chapter 4: Painted Faces and Long Hair Roger throws stones at the littluns, only just aiming to miss. Jack paints his face to help with his hunting. A ship is sighted but the fire has gone out and so their chance at rescue is lost. Jack returns from his first successful hunt and there is an argument about the hunters letting the fire go out. As they eat the roasted meat, tensions simmer and Ralph calls a meeting. Chapter 5 - Beast from Water Ralph tries to use the meeting to remind the other boys about the everyday needs of the community and the importance of being rescued. The beast is mentioned again and this time there is less laughter and more fear. Simon's attempt to explain that the beast is within them is not understood. Tensions rise again and Jack leaves the meeting with his hunters. Chapter 6 - Beast from Air Eric and Sam are on fire duty when they see the dead corpse of the pilot, still attached to his parachute. Convinced it is the beast, they run back to warn the other boys. The bigger boys head off in search of the beast. On their way, they discover Castle Rock. Chapter 7 - Shadows and Tall Trees While resting, Ralph daydreams about his home in Devon. Later, the boys catch a pig and, while acting out their triumph, bring out one of the boys. Jack and Ralph, by now in almost continual conflict, climb the mountain and see the parachutist. Believing it to be the beast, they run away. Chapter 8 - Gift for the Darkness The boys hold another meeting where Jack challenges Ralph's position as chief. When no one supports him, he leaves the group. Ralph and Piggy light the rescue fire and realise that other boys have left the community to join Jack. Jack's new group of hunters kill a pig and leave the head on a stick as an offering for the beast. Jack and some of his tribe steal burning branches from Ralph's fire and invite them to a feast. Simon talks to the Lord of the Flies, the pig's head, who warns him of the danger they are all in from themselves. Chapter 9 - A View to a Death Simon sees the dead parachutist for what it is and runs to tell the others that there is no beast to fear. They are in the middle of a feast with wild dancing and chanting which becomes ever more frenzied as a storm breaks. In the darkness, Simon breaks out into the group of boys. They hack him to death. His body floats out to sea. Chapter 10 - The Shell and the Glasses Most of the boys have joined Jack's tribe. The few who are left pretend not to know anything about Simon's murder. Jack and his hunters attack their camp and, after a short fight, make off with Piggy's glasses to light a fire. Ralph, Piggy, Sam and Eric head off to Jack's camp in Castle Rock to reclaim the glasses. Piggy carries the conch to try to remind the tribe of the importance of their earlier community values. There is a furious confrontation between Jack and Ralph. Sam and Eric are seized by force. Roger levers a heavy rock which falls down and knocks Piggy to his death on the rocks below, the conch smashing as he falls. Ralph runs away as the hunters throw spears at him. Chapter 12 - Cry of the Hunters When it is dark, Ralph sneaks close to Castle Rock to speak to Sam and Eric who are on sentry duty. They warn him that Jack and Roger are planning to hunt Ralph down and kill him. Ralph hides in a dense thicket. The next day, the hunt begins as Sam and Eric are tortured to reveal Ralph's hiding place. The hunters light a fire to flush Ralph out and, as the fire spreads out of control, Ralph is chased across the island. On the beach, he is saved from death by the arrival of a naval officer and his men who have seen the fire and come to rescue them. This chapter begins with Ralph blowing the conch to summon the boys. It is a hot day, and the boys have clothed themselves again to avoid sunburn. Meanwhile, the choir boys have removed their cloaks on account of the heat. As Ralph confirms that they are in fact on an island, Jack hastily adds that they must assemble a band of pig hunters at once to ensure survival. Annoyed by Jack's interruption, Ralph announces that one can speak at the gathering only if one has possession of the conch and that no one other than Ralph can interrupt the speaker. Soon, however, the discussion turns chaotic, and Piggy blows the conch in an attempt to reinstate order. He also reminds the group that they must remain focused since no one knows where they're stranded. Ralph then suggests that the group should make the most of not being under adult supervision. When Jack asks the group if they've found anything interesting on the island, a band of young boys coo a six-year-old to share what he claims to have seen. With much hesitation, the six-year-old boy informs the group that he encountered a "beastie," a "snake-thing" in the woods. Ralph, however, dismisses the boy's claim. To reassure the group, Jack takes hold of the conch and asserts that the "beastie" is just a figment of the boy's imagination. He adds that even if the "beastie" did exist, his crew of hunters would be able to kill it. Ralph is afraid that Jack's statement may have stirred the group; he fears that the group may regard Jack as the better leader as a result. To regain control, Ralph grabs the conch and states that under his supervision the group can remain cautious and have fun at the same time; he also adds that his leadership is essential if they are to be rescued from the island. He tells the group that his father works with the Royal Navy and that the Queen holds maps of every land. He is confident that a ship will be sent to look for them and urges the group to build a fire to signal their presence to the ship. Noticing the boys' excitement at this suggestion, Jack leads them to the mountain in order to build the fire. In their excitement, the boys forget to take the conch with them. They leave without waiting for Ralph and Piggy. Ralph follows the group after much hesitation, and Piggy picks up the conch and follows suit resentfully. The boys are unable to build a fire, but are thrilled by Piggy's arrival; they decide at once to use his glasses to build the fire. Though Piggy doesn't want the boys to use his glasses, Ralph takes the glasses nonetheless and hands them over to the boys. The boys are only able to build a feeble fire, and Piggy tells them that they will have to build a much bigger fire for a signal. Displeased by the suggestion, Jack asks Piggy to keep quiet, but Piggy tells him that he has the conch and is therefore entitled to speak. Jack then announces that the conch rule does not apply on the mountain. Sensing that the group might be on the brink of chaos, Ralph intervenes and states that the conch rule applies on the mountain as well. Though he'd just stated the opposite, Jack grabs the conch and enthusiastically echoes Ralph's views. Jack then asks the hunters to build a fire and keep it going, a suggestion that is met with applause. Piggy complains that no one pays heed to his words, but is startled to notice that the fire signal has caused a forest fire. As he comes to the realization that the fire may have killed some of the boys, he hears trees exploding in the fire like bombs. This chapter highlights the boys' inability to govern themselves systematically. They tend to bicker and come up with rules without much consideration. The tension between Jack and Ralph is unproductive. The group also ignores Piggy's suggestions to their own detriment. Piggy's lack of clout is also significant: undermined by Ralph and Jack, Piggy is unable to command the boys' attention or respect. Through Ralph and Jack, Golding represents the Romantic or Naturalistic school of thought and the nihilistic or militaristic school of thought respectively. Piggy, on the other hand, represents the bureaucratic approach. Notably, all three characters lack a sense of morality. Scholars have suggested that this might be Golding's way of suggesting that morality is a social construct, that humans are not inherently moral. In other words, morality is acquired. Later in the novel, readers can discern that it is the boys' lack of morality that prevents them from forging a civilized society on the island. Summary: Chapter 2 When the explorers return, Ralph sounds the conch shell, summoning the boys to another meeting on the beach. He tells the group that there are no adults on the island and that they need to organize a few things to look after themselves. Who died in Chapter 2 Lord of the Flies? In Lord of the Flies by William Golding, two innocent boys, Simon and Piggy, die due to the savagery of the other boys. All of the boys are to blame for the death of Simon, but only Jack and Roger are to blame for Piggy's death. What did Jack do in Chapter 2 of Lord of the Flies? He saw a "beastie," a "snake-thing," the previous night in the woods. Ralph and the older boys dismiss this "beastie" as just a nightmare, but the younger boys seem scared. Jack grabs the conch and says there's no snake-thing. If there is, he adds, his hunters will find and kill it. What makes boys sad in Chapter 2 of Lord of the Flies? Enraged at the group's reckless disorganization, Piggy tells them furiously that one of the littlun boys—the same boy who told them about the snake-beast—was playing over by the fire and now is missing. The boys are crestfallen and shocked, and Ralph is struck with shame. What is the theme of Chapter 3 in Lord of the Flies? Themes. The theme is Survival of The Fittest. This is the theme because the boys are trying to survive on the island, and only the ones who are fit to survive will survive. Ralph and Jack are more fit to survive than most of the littluns and Piggy. What are the major events in Lord of the Flies? Lord of the Flies - major events. Chapter 4. Roger throws rocks to Henry and purposely misses. Ralph sees boat on the horizon. No attention from the boat. Chapter 5. Ralph and Piggy use the conch to call the others and the choir. Ralph suggests a leader and he himself gets elected. What happens in the second chapter of Lord of the Flies? Suddenly, one of the trees catches on fire, and one of the boys screams about snakes. Piggy thinks that one of the boys is missing. Chapter 6. In the novel's second chapter, Golding uses the progress of the boys on the island as a metaphor for early human development. How did the boys get to the island in Lord of the Flies? They arrive on the island after their plane crashes during an evacuation from an area later destroyed by an atomic bomb. 2. Piggy finds the conch and Ralph blows it to summon everyone else on the island. Why does Jack interrupt the meeting in Lord of the Flies? Jack interrupts to say that they still need an army in order to hunt pigs. Jack needs to be in control; he interrupts Ralph to demonstrate his importance. Ralph says that, without adults, they'll have to take care of themselves. He makes a rule that whoever holds the conch at meetings gets to speak. These chapter summaries of Lord of the Flies are intended as a review or preview of the novel. They are not intended as a substitute for reading. Chapter 1: The Sound of the Shell A plane evacuating British boys has been shot down in the Pacific. The boys have been ejected safely from the plane and have landed on a remote island. With no adult supervision, they attempt to establish order and a plan for survival. They elect a chief (Ralph) and he selects Jack Merridew, a militant choir bully, to rule over the choir, who become hunters. We also meet Piggy in chapter 1. Piggy is fat, suffers from asthma, and has no social skills. He immediately becomes the target of the other boys who make fun of him. Piggy finds a conch shell and shows Ralph how to blow it. The sound of the shell calls the boys together for assemblies and to discuss important matters. At each assembly, the boy holding the conch is the only one allowed to speak. At the assembly, Jack, Simon, and Ralph decide to explore the island. They confirm their suspicions that they are on an island. Towards the end of chapter 1, the three explorers find a trapped pig. The pig gets away. Chapter 2: Fire on the Mountain and Chapter 3: Huts on the Beach Chapter 2: The three boys return from their exploration and call an assembly. One of the littluns mentions a snake-thing, a beastie, which sends fear throughout the group. They debate its existence and determine the littluns deserve having nightmares. Ralph decides they need to make a fire on the mountain as a rescue signal. They use Piggy's glasses to light the fire. The fire rages out of control. One of the littluns dies in the conflagration (a fancy word for large fire). Piggy and Jack argue. Chapter 3: Jack is obsessed with hunting pigs although he has yet to catch one. Ralph and Simon work on the huts. Everyone else plays. Jack has become savage in his quest for blood. Ralph and Jack argue. Simon wanders off, helps the littluns get fruit, and continues to an isolated location. Chapter 4: Painted Faces and Long Hair and Chapter 5: Beast From Water Chapter 4: Roger and Maurice bully the littluns on the beach. They are still, however, held back by rules they learned in civilization. Jack paints his face for hunting. His mask liberates him from the rules of civilization. He leads the boys on a hunting expedition. As Jack and the hunters are out, a ship passes by. Ralph realizes the hunters have let the fire go out. He races to the top but is unable to light it in time. Jack and the hunters return with a pig. Ralph and Jack argue. Jack punches Piggy in the gut. One of Piggy's lenses from his glasses breaks. The boys cook the pig and have a feast. Ralph announces a meeting. Chapter 5: Ralph tries to set things in order. He reestablishes rules regarding the fire and where to go to the bathroom. The subject of the beast is brought up. Jack argues the island is too small for a beast. One of the boys claims the beast comes from the sea. The boys argue. Simon suggests that they are the beast. They all make fun of him. The arguing continues. Jack storms away from the meeting with his hunters, who make horrific sounds in the darkness. Piggy begs Ralph to call them back with the conch. He longs for grown-ups to make things right. Chapter 6: Beast from Air and Chapter 7: Shadow and Tall Trees Chapter 6: A plane is shot down high above as the children sleep. A dead parachutist lands on the island stuck in the rocks and trees. Samneric sees the dead parachutist and mistakes it for the beast. The boys hunt for the beast. They can't find it. Jack thinks he's found a good foot from which to throw rocks at people. After not finding the beast, Ralph notices the fire has gone out. None of the others, especially Jack, seem to care. Chapter 7: The hunt for the beast continues. The boys come across a pig run and Ralph sticks a boar in the nose with a spear. The boar escapes. The boys act out a pig hunt with Robert playing the part of the pig. Even Ralph enjoys the spectacle. The quest for the beast continues until evening. Jack, Ralph, and Roger agree to scale the mountain. The three boys see the dead parachutist who they mistake for the beast and run away as fast as they can. Chapter 8: Gift for the Darkness Jack calls a meeting, insults Ralph, and asks for Ralph to no longer be chief. Nobody else agrees. Jack, embarrassed, leaves the tribe and goes into the forest. The assembly continues. Simon suggests they go up the mountain. Piggy suggests they build the fire on the beach since the beast is on the mountain. The boys gather wood. The littluns sing and dance. 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