

Stranded

Directions: Imagine yourself in the following scenario, and answer the questions.

You and a group of your classmates are going to Florida for spring break. The plane is hijacked. Without allowing the pilot to radio for instructions, the hijackers direct the plane toward Australia. At the first refueling stop, the hijackers release all of the adults, keeping only you and your friends with them on the plane. During the flight over the Pacific, the plane develops engine trouble and crashes. The hijackers are all killed, but, miraculously, you and your friends survive and find yourselves on a tropical island. The island has many fruit trees, but it appears to be uninhabited except for you and your friends. As you gaze out over the ocean, you realize that no one knows where you are, you have nothing with you, and you might be on the island for quite some time, perhaps forever.

1. List the things and people in your present life that you would miss the most.
2. What long-range plans would you make to create a new life for yourself on the island?
3. What rules do you think you and your friends would have to create? How would you enforce the rules?
4. What would be the biggest problems the group would face?
5. What would you like about your stranded situation?
6. What would you dislike?

Getting into *Lord of the Flies*

Directions: As you read the opening pages, answer the following questions.

1. What can you deduce about the setting from the first paragraph?
2. What is a lagoon?
3. In context, what is the scar? What are creepers?
4. The first page introduces two of the novel's main characters, as yet unnamed. What do we learn about each of them?
5. How did the two boys get into this situation?
6. Why does one of the boys stand on his head?
7. Which of the two boys is Ralph?
8. Why doesn't Ralph ask the other boy his name?
9. What additional details do we learn about the second boy?
10. What else do we learn about Ralph's appearance and character?
11. What indicates that the fat boy has a talent for organization?
12. The fat boy reveals his nickname. Why would he dislike it?