

More about Characters

Directions: Chapters 2–4 expand our knowledge about the major characters in *Lord of the Flies*. Use the following questions to clarify your understanding.

Ralph

1. What are Ralph's main responsibilities? Describe his changing attitudes toward them.

2. Has his attitude toward Piggy changed since the opening pages of the novel?

3. What causes his rage in chapter 4? How does this series of events illuminate his character?

Piggy

4. How does Piggy spend his days? Why?

5. Has he changed during their time on the island?

Jack

6. What is Jack's top priority? What does this reveal about him?

7. Ralph and Jack are described as walking along, "two continents of experience and feeling, unable to communicate." Explain the metaphor.

8. Describe the ritual at the end of chapter 4. What does it demonstrate about Jack and his followers?

Simon

9. What additional information do we learn about Simon's appearance and personality?

10. What does Simon do at the end of chapter 3? Why?

Roger

11. What does Roger do to Henry?

12. What does this reveal about him?

Tension and Conflict

Directions: The boys on the island have many reasons to feel stressed, and stress often leads to conflict. Identify specific examples of each of the following types of conflict.

Type of Conflict	Examples from Text
Person vs. self	
Person vs. person	
Person vs. society	
Person vs. nature	