

# ANSWER KEYS

## CHAPTER ONE: THE SOUND OF THE SHELL

1.
  - a) Ralph suggested they needed a chief. Jack was about to declare himself chief because he was the chapter chorister and head boy. But he hesitated, creating an opportunity for Roger to suggest a vote.
  - b) It appears there is no substantiated reason for their selection. It is said that “what intelligence had been shown was traceable to Piggy while the most obvious leader was Jack” (p. 24). However, Ralph had an attractive appearance and possession of the conch.
  - c) Answers will vary.
  - d) Answers will vary.
  - e) Answers will vary.
2. Leadership of the choir boys. / Answers will vary.
3. The island is a defined area of land with a new population on it, and the boys have organized a government under the leadership of Ralph. What is unknown is if the island is part of a wider political unit (that is, if a nation already has a claim to the island). While this aspect of the island is never revealed, even without this knowledge it would appear that for the purpose of this story the boys have their own island-state.

## THE CONCH, THE MACE, AND SYMBOLS OF GOVERNANCE

1. Answers will vary.

## CHAPTER TWO: FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN

1.
  - a) The person holding the conch will have the floor.
  - b) In the beginning, it appears so. When Piggy took the conch on page 37, the boys allowed Piggy to speak. On page 38, when Piggy pointed at Ralph holding the conch, the other boys quieted down. However, after the forest fire breaks out, Piggy’s effort to speak while holding the conch was largely disrespected (p. 49). This is despite the fact that Ralph declared that “where the conch is, that’s a meeting” (p. 47).
  - c) Answers will vary.
2.
  - a) The group works together to gather wood because it is too much work for one boy. Jack “pinches” Piggy’s glasses to light the fire.
  - b) No. The boys chaotically try to keep up with supplying the fire with wood. Shortly after they give up, it ignites a small forest fire.
  - c) Answers will vary, although from collecting the wood to using Piggy’s specs to light it, what is suggested is that organization and cooperation is required.
3.
  - a) No. It is noteworthy, though, that Jack offers up his choir to keep up the fire and look out for ships.
  - b) Answers will vary.
  - c) The failed fire would suggest that they are not.
  - d) Answers will vary.
4. Answers will vary.

## PIGGY, THE CENSUS, AND THE IMPORTANCE OF KNOWLEDGE

1. Answers will vary.
2.
  - a) Answers will vary.
  - b) Answers will vary.
  - c) Answers will vary.

3. Answers will vary.

### **CHAPTER THREE: HUTS ON THE BEACH**

1.
  - a) Answers will vary.
  - b) Answers will vary.
  - c) Answers will vary.
2.
  - a) Answers will vary, but it is important to remember that there is no verifiable evidence that a beast exists on the island.
  - b) Answers will vary.
  - c) Answers will vary.
3.
  - a) Answers will vary.
  - b) Answers will vary.

### **FREEDOM, RESPONSIBILITY, AND LAW**

1. Answers will vary.
2. Answers will vary.

### **CHAPTER FOUR: PAINTED FACES AND LONG HAIR**

1.
  - a) Answers will vary.
  - b) Answers will vary.
2.
  - a) He needed all his choir boys to hunt the pig.
  - b) Jack acts violently, hitting Piggy several times. Piggy's glasses are knocked into the rocks, breaking one of the lenses.
  - c) They laugh at Piggy. Even Ralph lets out a smirk.
  - d) Jack only apologizes for letting the fire go out, and not for striking Piggy. Except for Ralph, the boys seem to believe Jack's apology is generous.
3. Answers will vary.
4.
  - a) No. The hunters as a group killed it.
  - b) Most of the boys.
  - c) Piggy's specs were used.
  - d) Answers will vary.
5.
  - a) Jack withholds meat from Piggy.
  - b) Answers will vary.

### **FREEDOM AND HUMAN INTERACTION**

1.
  - a) Answers will vary.
  - b) Answers will vary.
2.
  - a) Answers will vary.
  - b) Answers will vary.

### **CHAPTER FIVE: BEAST FROM WATER**

1.
  - a) Answers will vary.
  - b) Answers will vary.
2.
  - a) The rocks will be used for the lavatory so that the tide washes away the waste, the signal fire will be maintained to ensure rescue, and to be sure the fire is always burning, all cooking will take place at the signal fire.
  - b) Answers will vary.
3.
  - a) Answers will vary, though it is noteworthy that despite the merits of an open discussion the debate devolves into chaos.

- b) Answers will vary, though it is noteworthy that Jack originally related to the littluns' fears in Chapter 3.
  - c) Answers will vary, though Piggy's fear of Jack is noteworthy.
  - d) Answers will vary, though it is noteworthy that the boys laugh and ridicule him without properly allowing him to voice his thoughts.
4. Answers will vary.

### **CONSEQUENCES: RETRIBUTION, RESTITUTION, AND RESTORATION**

- 1. a) Hammurabi's concepts of retributive justice.
- b) Traditional Aboriginal concepts of restoration.
- 2. It appears to be an impossibility.
- 3. Answers will vary.
- 4. Answers will vary.

### **CHAPTER SIX: BEAST FROM AIR**

- 1. a) It is said the beast has eyes, teeth, and claws.
- b) Answers will vary.
- c) Answers will vary.
- 2. At the assembly, their word is accepted as true. Only when they begin their search is it revealed that Simon considers the beast with "incredulity" (p. 113). / Answers will vary.
- 3. Answers will vary, but it is noteworthy that going to the mountain after exploring the tail-end of the island is contrary to the stated priority of keeping the fire burning.
- 4. A rocky crag that would make an ideal location for a fort.

### **CONSTITUTIONS, AND THE ROLE OF THE COURTS**

- 1. a) Answers will vary.
- b) Answers will vary.
- 2. Answer will vary.
- 3. Because there is no independent mechanism to determine if all follow the law equally, it is doubtful that the rule of law can exist.

### **CHAPTER SEVEN: SHADOWS AND TALL TREES**

- 1. Ralph was unable to kill the pig but was quite excited to have hit it with his spear. The whole experience filled him with "fright, apprehension, and pride" (p. 124).
- 2. a) Ralph approved of the hunt so long as they went in the direction of the mountain (p. 123).
- b) Answers will vary.
- 3. a) The stubborn and continual one-upping of bravery between Ralph and Jack suggests that emotion trumped rationality.
- b) Answers will vary.

### **CHECKS AND BALANCES: MOB RULE AND THE RULE OF LAW**

- 1. a) Answers will vary.
- b) Answers will vary.
- 2. Answers will vary, although it is doubtful given their lack of respect for facts and reason.
- 3. Answers will vary.

### **CHAPTER EIGHT: GIFT FOR THE DARKNESS**

- 1. Answers will vary.

1. His suggestion of building a fire by the bathing pool is acted upon, and for the first time Piggy is the one who lights the fire.
2. a) Answers will vary.  
b) Answers will vary.
3. Answers will vary.
4. a) Answers will vary.  
b) Answers will vary.
5. a) Yes. Simon originally claimed that maybe there was a beast but it was “only us” (p. 97).  
b) Answers will vary.

#### **RATIONAL CHANGEOVER OF GOVERNMENT**

1. a) Answers will vary.  
b) Answers will vary.
2. Answers will vary.
3. Answers will vary.

#### **CHAPTER NINE: A VIEW TO DEATH**

1. Answers will vary.
2. a) Order and democracy.  
b) Likely Jack.  
c) Answers will vary, but may reflect dictatorial rule over democracy and reason.
3. a) Answers will vary.  
b) Answers will vary.
4. Answers will vary, but the description of the killing being done with teeth and claws would suggest the boys were the beast.

#### **BREAD AND CIRCUSES: JACK’S OFFER TO THE BOYS**

1. a) Answers will vary.  
b) No / Answers will vary.  
c) No / Answers will vary.
2. Answers will vary.
3. Answers will vary.

#### **CHAPTER TEN: THE SHELL AND THE GLASSES**

1. a) Reason and democracy, with such things as the fire, rescue, and shelter the result.  
b) Answers will vary.  
c) Answers will vary.
2. Answers will vary.
3. a) He came for fire. Because it was out, he stole Piggy’s glasses.  
b) Rescue / To cook meat at feasts.  
c) Answers will vary.
4. Answers will vary.

#### **SIMON’S DEATH AND THE PURPOSE OF CRIMINAL LAW**

1. a) Answers will vary.  
b) Answers will vary.  
c) Answers will vary.

2. a) Answers will vary.
- b) Answers will vary.

### **CHAPTER ELEVEN: CASTLE ROCK**

1. Answers will vary.
2. Answers will vary, but should focus on the destruction of such things as law, order, and reasoned debate.
3. Answers will vary.
4. a) Answers will vary.
- b) Answers will vary.
5. Answers will vary.

### **JACK'S DETAINMENTS AND SUBSTANTIVE AND PROCEDURAL LAW**

1. Answers will vary.
2. a) Answers will vary.
- b) Answers will vary.
- c) Answers will vary.

### **CHAPTER TWELVE: THE CRY OF THE HUNTERS**

1. a) Answers will vary.
- b) Answers will vary.
- c) Answers will vary.
2. The boys previously used a stick sharpened at both ends so they could leave the pig's head standing in the forest. It would appear that they are about to offer Ralph's head to the beast.
3. a) Answers will vary.
- b) Answers will vary.
4. a) No.
- b) Answers will vary.
5. Answers will vary.

### **WITHOUT THE RULE OF LAW**

1. Answers will vary.