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Standards Focus: Symbolism

Symbolism is the creative use of objects, or **symbols**, to represent or indicate a deeper meaning or to represent something larger than the object itself. Just as a heart is a symbol of love, or a turkey is a symbol of Thanksgiving, colors, animals, weather, numbers, and even people can act as symbols in a piece of literature. It is important that we recognize the author's use of symbols to indicate a deeper message in his or her work. Golding skillfully uses symbolism throughout *Lord of the Flies* to create a novel full of depth and significance.

Directions: For each of the symbols and situations below, match the symbol with the symbolic meaning from the novel. Write the letter of the correct answer on the line.

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| 1. Ralph | _____ | a. the high hand of authority |
| 2. Jack | _____ | b. total breakdown of society and reason |
| 3. Piggy | _____ | c. the evil in all of us |
| 4. The Conch | _____ | d. hope and salvation; rescue |
| 5. The Beast | _____ | e. the allure or attraction of evil |
| 6. Piggy's Specs | _____ | f. throne of authority; power |
| 7. The Signal Fire | _____ | g. pure goodness and innocence |
| 8. The Island | _____ | h. the shedding of blood |
| 9. Simon | _____ | i. anarchy; savagery |
| 10. Roger | _____ | j. the evil adult generation |
| 11. Lord of the Flies | _____ | k. social order; principles; civility |
| 12. "Pink" | _____ | l. Garden of Eden and the corruption of man |
| 13. The Log Where
Ralph Sits | _____ | m. knowledge; intelligence and reason |
| 14. The Officer | _____ | n. man's penchant for causing harm to others |
| 15. Piggy's Death
and Destruction
of the Conch | _____ | o. knowledge and insight; their condition
represents the status of civilization |