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Comprehension Check: Chapters 1-3

As you read and take notes using the note-taking technique described on page 11, use the Comprehension Check questions below to help guide your understanding of all aspects of the novel. After reading the given chapters, answer the questions on a separate sheet of paper.

Chapter One

1. How did the boys come to be marooned on an island?
2. Describe both the physical and personality traits of the first two characters introduced in the story.
3. Write a description of the island as conveyed in the novel.
4. What is the significance of the conch?
5. How is a leader chosen? Do you agree or disagree with the choice of leader? Explain.

Chapter Two

1. What are some of the obstacles the boys must overcome on the island?
2. Why does Ralph insist that they must have a fire? Consequently, what do most of the boys do? How are they able to light it?
3. Who volunteers to take on the responsibility of keeping the fire going?
4. Piggy's job is to get a list of names. Why doesn't he do that?
5. Why do you suppose some of the boys want "rules, lots of rules"?

Chapter Three

1. What are the clues Jack finds that tell him he is on the trail of a possible kill?
2. Meanwhile, what are Ralph and Simon doing? Where are the others?
3. What do Jack and Ralph fight about?
4. What is the feeling Jack has as he is hunting? How does that feeling relate to the littluns?
5. When Ralph and Jack return to the pool, Simon is not there. Where has he gone, and why do you think he went there?