

Comprehension Check: Chapters 10-12

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 Ten

1. Describe how Samneric, Piggy, and Ralph justify their involvement in Simon's death.
2. What do the boys do to Wilfred? What is your best guess as to why?
3. The boys decide to let the fire go out for the night and go to sleep. Later, they hear something moving outside. What is it? Briefly describe what happens.

Chapter Eleven

1. As Piggy is now handicapped, what does he propose they do?
2. Ralph seems to have moments in which he forgets things. Why do you think the author includes these events in the novel?
3. As the boys approach the tribe's new camp, what do they first encounter?
4. What happens when Jack returns from hunting? What does Piggy do to try to bring Ralph back on track?
5. What do the boys do to the twins after they grab them?
6. What is Jack expressing when he says, "See? They do what I want"?
7. What happens to Piggy? Why doesn't he try to move out of the way?
8. What is Jack's purpose in poking and prodding the twins with his spear?

Chapter Twelve

1. Why does Ralph decide it would be too dangerous to bathe his wounds?
2. What evidence does Ralph have that convinces him that Jack and the others will never leave him alone?
3. What is the twins' warning to Ralph?
4. Why does Ralph want to spend the night so close to the tribe's new camp?
5. How does the tribe finally succeed in surrounding Ralph?
6. What does the officer think the boys have been doing on the island? How does he come to realize it is something much more serious?