

Comprehension Check: Chapters 7-9

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 Seven

1. What are the conditions that Ralph accepts as normal now and does not mind?
2. What is the author's purpose in describing the house at the edge of the moors?
3. In your opinion, why is it so important to Ralph that the other boys know he has wounded the boar with his spear?
4. What do you think the author might be trying to show as the boys gather in a circle around Robert? Why do you think this is significant?
5. Which three boys decide to head up the mountain? What do the other boys do?
6. What do they find at the top of the mountain?

Chapter Eight

1. Why does Jack decide to go off by himself?
2. What is significant about the sow that the boys killed? Do you think it was a good choice for them to have killed this particular pig?
3. What do the boys do with the pig's head? Why?
4. What is the Lord of the Flies? Why is it aptly named?
5. Why do you think Jack invites everyone to join him tonight at the feast?
6. Explain why most of the boys seem so willing to become a member of Jack's tribe.
7. Give your own explanation of what really happens between Simon and "the Beast."

Chapter Nine

1. What does Simon find on the mountain-top? What news does he want to tell the others?
2. Compared to Ralph's form of leadership, what is noticeably different about Jack's?
3. As Simon finds his way to the party, what becomes of him? How is this possible?
4. What do the boys think they are doing as they engulf Simon? Do you believe they really thought they were killing the beast? Explain.
5. The thunderstorm and ensuing winds carry the "parachute man" out to sea. What effect do you think this might have on the story?