Before We Start Handout 3

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Vocabulary Definition List

The following list provides definitions for some of the more difficult words in the text.

Chapter 1

clambering: climbing with difficulty

solemnly: seriously

motif: theme or figure that appears

repeatedly

ill-omened: something is marked by

bad signs of fate

fulcrum: the point where a lever

pivots

mortification: feeling shamed or humiliated go off in different directions

loitered: stayed around without purpose or left slowly

contemptuously: behaving as though other people are inferior or useless

Chapter 2

smart: to feel a stinging pain

hindering: slowing down someone's or something's progress

induced: moved, influenced, or caused

conspiratorial: describes two or more people joining together for an immoral

reason

indignant: describes being upset over something that is unfair

recrimination: the act of accusing someone who has previously charged you with

wrongdoing

festooned: decorated with a string or garland

Chapter 3

unheeding: someone who is not paying attention

contrite: feeling sorrow or regret

compulsion: the act of forcing someone to perform in a certain manner

incredulous: not believing or doubtful

tacit: it is implied or believed without being spoken aloud

furtive: secret or hidden

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Vocabulary Definition List

Chapter 4

discounted: ignored or doubted

subsided: sunk to a lower or normal level or became less active

chastisement: is a punishment

impalpable: something you can't touch

taboo: a ban or prohibition, usually one that comes from a particular

society's customs

ravenously: hungrily

implications: the logical conclusions of an action doing something with ill will or intent

Chapter 5

perpetually: infinitely or lasting for an indefinitely long period of time

reverence: a deep feeling of respect

ineffectual: not enough to accomplish the task

lamentation: an audible expression of deep grief and sorrow

inarticulate: unable to speak clearly and intelligibly

mimicry: the act of imitating someone's speech or behavior

Chapter 6

taut: pulled tight

menace: a potential danger

relentlessly: persistently, without giving up or yielding

obscured: difficult to see

mutinously: with a feeling of rebellion

Chapter 7

curtly: briefly and rudely daunting: discouraging

impervious: it cannot be penetrated or affected

Chapter 8

rebuke: to criticize or reprimand reeking: sending off a strong odor

Vocabulary Definition List

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instinctively: doing something impulsively or naturally, without thought

illusive: something that is an illusion, not really there

demoniac: something that is possessed by a demon

Chapter 9

interspersed: spacing things out at intervals superficial: near the surface or insignificant

surged: billowed out or moved forward like waves

Chapter 10

illumination: lighting up something interrogative: relates to questioning

dredged: unearthed

sniggered: snickered or laughed

exulting: rejoicing

Chapter 11

peered: looked searchingly or with difficulty vitality: it has the power to live and grow

cessation: an ending felled: caused to fall

talisman: an object believed to have magic power

Chapter 12

leaden: heavy and immovable

savoring: appreciating a taste or smell

rouse: to stir up or awaken

ululation: a howl

ensconce: to put in a safe place

simpleton: a person without good sense or lacking in intelligence

wary: cautious

dumbly: unable to speak

Before We Start Handout 5

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Novel Road Map to Success

These questions help you stay on track with the plot as well as build your reading comprehension.

Directions: Answer these questions on a separate piece of paper as you read.

Chapter 1

- 1. How do these boys arrive on the island?
- 2. What is name of the boy with fair hair?
- 3. What did they call the fat boy in school?
- 4. What does Ralph use to call the other boys on the island?
- 5. What does Piggy do as each boy shows up?
- 6. What are the names of the twins?
- 7. Who is elected chief?
- 8. What is the first decision Ralph makes as chief?
- 9. Which three boys explore the island?
- 10. How does Jack react when the boys find the piglet?

Chapter 2

- 1. As Jack talks about the pig they saw on their expedition, what does he do that shows his violent nature?
- 2. What do the boys do when the small boy with the mulberry-colored birthmark reaches out for the conch?
- 3. What does Ralph say when attempting to put the smaller children at ease about the beastie?
- 4. What does Ralph suggest they do to signal a potential rescue ship?
- 5. Who leads the boys into the jungle?
- 6. Jack accuses Piggy of just sitting while the rest are building the fire. Who defends Piggy?
- 7. What reason is given to show that Piggy helped with the fire?
- 8. How does Maurice suggest they make smoke?
- 9. What disastrous thing happens after the boys build the fire?
- 10. Piggy loses his temper and begins to complain about how everyone is behaving on the island. How does Jack reply to Piggy's complaints?

- 1. What weapons does Jack use to hunt the pig?
- 2. Is he successful in his hunt?
- 3. What does Jack find Ralph and Simon doing when he returns from the hunt?
- 4. Why does Ralph think they need shelters?

Novel Road Map to Success

Before We Start Handout 5, continued

- 5. Ralph complains that nobody is helping to build the shelters. What does Simon suggest that Ralph do about it?
- 6. What is Jack's reason for hunting?
- 7. What feeling does Jack experience when he is hunting alone?
- 8. Does Ralph feel that they are creating a good signal fire?
- 9. Where does Simon go after the argument between Jack and Ralph?
- 10. What does Simon do for the littluns who follow him into the jungle?

Chapter 4

- 1. How does Roger behave toward Henry?
- 2. What does Jack think is the reason he hasn't killed a pig yet?
- 3. What does Jack use to camouflage himself?
- 4. What does Ralph see as he, Piggy, and Maurice play near the pool?
- 5. What is Ralph angry about when he sees the ship?
- 6. What are the hunters chanting?
- 7. What is Piggy's response when Jack says Piggy didn't hunt?
- 8. What does Simon do when Jack refuses to give Piggy meat?
- 9. What does Jack shout as everyone is eating the meat?
- 10. What does Ralph do in response to all of the celebration surrounding the pig?

Chapter 5

- 1. What is the purpose of Ralph's meeting?
- 2. Ralph mentions decisions made during the meetings that are not acted upon. List three of them.
- 3. In Ralph's speech, what does he say they should do before they let the fire go out?
- 4. One of the littluns woke up in the middle of the night and saw something moving in the jungle. What was it?
- 5. In an argument with Jack, Ralph accuses him of breaking rules. What is Jack's reply?
- 6. According to Ralph, what is "the only thing we've got"?
- 7. The meeting breaks up in a scatter of noise and excitement. What does Piggy suggest Ralph do to bring the meeting back to order?
- 8. Why does Ralph refuse to blow the conch?
- 9. Why is Piggy afraid of Ralph giving up the position of chief?
- 10. Why does Piggy wish grownups were there?

- 1. What sign comes down from the world of grownups?
- 2. When the figure comes to rest, what does the wind cause it to do?
- 3. Who is on the mountaintop when the figure lands?
- 4. What is the state of the fire when Sam and Eric wake up?
- 5. What is Ralph's first action upon hearing about the beast?
- 6. What is Jack's response to hearing the news of the beast?

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- 7. What is Piggy assigned to do as the others go in search of the beast?
- 8. What does Simon think of the beast?
- 9. What do the boys think about Castle Rock?
- 10. What is Ralph thinking as he strikes the rock with his fist?

Chapter 7

- 1. After leaving Castle Rock to search for the beast, the boys stop to eat. What is Ralph thinking about during this time?
- 2. As Ralph looks at the others, he notices the boys are dirty. What does he think about this?
- 3. As Ralph thinks about the ocean as a barrier, what does Simon say to him that interrupts his thoughts?
- 4. What do the boys encounter on the way to the mountaintop?
- 5. How does Ralph feel about hitting the boar with the spear?
- 6. Why does someone suggest going back to Piggy?
- 7. On the way to the mountain Maurice says, "Supposing the beast's up there?" What is Jack's reply?
- 8. When Jack questions whether or not Ralph is frightened, how does Ralph defend himself?
- 9. How does Jack describe what he sees on the mountaintop?
- 10. How do the three boys react to seeing the creature?

Chapter 8

- 1. How does Ralph characterize Jack's hunters?
- 2. After criticizing Ralph, what question does Jack ask the group?
- 3. After Jack leaves, what does Simon suggest they do?
- 4. What does Piggy suggest they do about the fire?
- 5. Does Jack intend to hunt the beast?
- 6. What does Jack plan to do for the beast?
- 7. How does Jack plan to cook the pig?
- 8. What is the Lord of the Flies?
- 9. What does Jack offer Ralph's group?
- 10. Who does Simon talk with in the jungle?

- 1. What does Simon do when his fit passes?
- 2. What does Simon learn about the beast?
- 3. As Piggy and Ralph swim, what does Piggy suggest they do?
- 4. What is Jack's appearance compared to?
- 5. After the boys eat, what question does Jack ask everyone?
- 6. Ralph asserts his authority as chief. Is he successful?
- 7. When the storm breaks, Jack tells his hunters to do what?
- 8. In the dance, who acts as the first pig?

Novel Road Map to Success

Before We Start Handout 5, continued

- 9. Who crawls out of the forest into the circle?
- 10. What happens to him at the end of the chapter?

Chapter 10

- 1. Ralph calls Simon's death a murder. How does Piggy try to justify their actions?
- 2. What role do Piggy and Ralph say they had in the attack?
- 3. After Robert explains to Roger how he can prevent him from coming up the ladder, how does Roger characterize Jack?
- 4. How does the tribe explain Simon's murder?
- 5. What are Jack's plans for his tribe?
- 6. For Ralph's group, what two purposes does the fire serve?
- 7. What do Ralph and his group decide to do about tending the fire at night?
- 8. What does Ralph dream about?
- 9. Someone or something creeps outside of their shelter. Who does it call for?
- 10. What do the intruders take?

Chapter 11

- 1. After losing his glasses, what does Piggy suggest that Ralph do?
- 2. What preparations does Ralph suggest they make before going to Jack's camp?
- 3. What does Piggy plan to do when he sees Jack?
- 4. What is the reason Ralph gives for coming to Jack's camp?
- 5. What does Ralph call Jack?
- 6. What does Jack command the tribe to do to Samneric?
- 7. When Piggy finally gets to speak, what does he say?
- 8. What happens to Piggy?
- 9. What happens to the conch?
- 10. What happens to Samneric?

- 1. What does the Lord of the Flies look like when Ralph sees it?
- 2. What figures does Ralph see on top of Castle Rock?
- 3. Why do Samneric insist that Ralph leave?
- 4. How does the tribe plan to hunt Ralph?
- 5. Where does Ralph decide to sleep for the night?
- 6. How do the hunters flush Ralph out of the thicket?
- 7. What three options does Ralph consider?
- 8. Who does Ralph find after stumbling on the beach?
- 9. What does the naval officer say about the boys' behavior?
- 10. What does Ralph finally do at the very end?

