

## Lord Of The Flies

Lord of the Flies essay William Golding The Island is a microcosm of the evil we produce in the world today. Greed, power, domination are all factors of evil in the story line and in today's society. The first human instinct is survival. The fittest will survive, as in the book, and in today's world. For example, someone who is very skilled in math or physical feats may receive a scholarship pertaining to their skill. Taller and attractive people seem to get the better and higher paying jobs. Aborigines in Australia will eat grubs and insects to survive. We may find this repulsive but human instinct rules when we have no other options. Our human instinct also makes us frown upon people with undesirable traits such as obesity, poor eyesight or deformities. These people cannot fend for themselves as well as fitter people and die off so they may not reproduce. The fittest survive. The role of survival of the fittest was best described on (pg. 8) "I can't swim on account of my asthma". Piggy was already going down in the food chain of the island. Ralph was a tall attractive boy who had very good leadership skills. It is no wonder that he voted in as leader. Piggy can't defend himself. An example of this is (pg. 17) "Shut up fatty." Another example is when Piggy wants to come with them up the mountain, (pg. 20), "I'll come." "Your no good for a job like this". The boys on the island resorted to killing pigs with such savagery when they felt that they were hungry. When there is no order chaos arises. There are many examples of this in our society today. Riots happen when the people think they can get away with it. The number of people outweigh the number of authority figures. People hurt other people and steal. This is not something that would happen in an ordered society. All these people know what's right and wrong but their human instinct gets the better of them when they think they can get away with it. The same thing happened on the island. With no authority like the adults or (police) things turned into anarchy. They were trying to kill each other and ran around like savages just because they had no one to tell them they couldn't do that. There was a lot of emphasis that they were children and that is why this happened. That is simply not true. Look at my example above, people that riot have no authority to tell others to stop. You could compare that kind of behavior to what children would do if they were put in charge of the world. Today's society is full of bad leaders such as "Sadam Husain", "Slobodan Milosevic", "Adolf Hitler" and many more. They lead their people with false ideals and hidden agendas. Their thirst for power killed thousands of people and caused grief and suffering for millions. Hitler killed millions of Jews and that is something the German people will have to live with forever. Sadam Husain tried to take more land for his country and failed and made more people suffer. Milosevic didn't want to give up his rule over the Albanians and killed a lot of them in the process. Jack's hunger for power grew just as these leaders' hunger grew too. (pg. 140) "I'm not going to be part of Ralph's lot", "I'm going off by myself.... Any one that wants to hunt when I do can come too". Jack's power grew so great that he made the boys think that there was a beast which ultimately killed Simon. He didn't care when a big rock squished Piggy and to make things unbearable he tried to murder Ralph. Also there were many great leaders such as Bill Clinton (debatable), George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, John A MacDonald and more. These Leaders lead their people with great emphasis toward the minority and fought for equal rights. Bill Clinton puts bad leaders in their place, George Washington fought for the independence of America, Abraham Lincoln freed the Blacks from oppression and John A MacDonald fought for Canada to become a whole country. Jack was a great leader that kept the boys in order and kept their one hope of getting off the island alive. An example of this is when it was Ralph's idea to go search the Island (pg. 20) ".....three of us will go on [an] expedition and find out.... That's what a good leader does, he makes decisions quickly and makes them good. Ralph was the kind of leader that wasn't as smart as Piggy but had the leadership skills and personality to become the chief. These are the kinds of leaders we want in our society. People in today's society control each other by fear. In communist Russia they used to imprison people or even use the death penalty when they rejected communism. This made people fear their government and made them not dare speak against it. Even our own government controls us by fear. It makes us follow their laws and if we don't do so it punishes us. Even people in our society control other people by fear. In some places the Mafia will tell store owners to give them money or else they will trash their store. People will not dare go up against the Mafia because they will do very bad things to you if you do. Jack controlled many of the boys on the island by fear. At the beginning of the book he controlled the choir with having a mean attitude and his trusty old knife which he kept slamming into tree trunks. Then later on in the book he showed everyone that he wasn't afraid of killing when he hunted and killed a pig. The island is a microcosm of the world we live in today. Greed, power and domination are all factors today as well as in the story line.