

William Golding  
Lord of the Flies: Chapter 2  
More challenging questions!

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1. "The island is like a book," Ralph explained to the assembly -- and later even mentioned Coral Island.
  - Why does the author almost immediately make mention of the novel, Coral Island? (4)
  
2. Ralph and Jack looked at each other while society paused about them. The shameful knowledge grew in them and they did not know how to begin confession.
  - What is meant by "the shameful knowledge"? (2)
  - Why could they not confess it? (2)
  
3. By stealing Piggy's glasses in order to light the fire, the boys showed not only total disregard for Piggy but also common lack of civilization. Do you agree? (4)
  
4. "After all," said Jack, "we're not savages. We're English."
  - Comment on the irony of Jack's words. (2)
  - What has their "being English" to do with it? (4)
  
5. The disastrous fire caused a conflict between Piggy and Jack.
  - Explain the conflict. How was it resolved? (4)
  
6. Jack volunteered his hunters to take control of the fire.
  - What danger was there in that decision? (4)
  - The fire and Piggy's response to it -- and Jack's response to Piggy -- indicated serious problems for Ralph and the unity of the group. Discuss. (6)

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