

# ***LORD OF THE FLIES***

## Character or Symbolism Analysis in the 5-Paragraph Essay Format

OPTION A: Choose one of the main characters from LORD OF THE FLIES to write a 5-paragraph character analysis essay. Pick 3 traits that can be found in the character.

OPTION B: Choose 3 symbols that were significant to the book and analyze the symbolism of each. Be sure to show specific examples on what events give the symbol meaning.

### **Introduction:**

1. Catch the reader's attention with a thoughtful opening sentence or two about your character or the book or both.
2. Be sure to mention the book title and the author. Underline or italicize book titles.
3. Have a clear thesis sentence in which you include three characteristics of your character that you will discuss in the essay.

### **Three Body Paragraphs:**

1. Use transitions between paragraphs.
2. Make sure each body paragraph has a topic sentence-that states the characteristic you will be covering.
3. Use at least one direct quote from the book in each of the body paragraphs. Since you mention the title and author in the introduction, you will only have to put the page number in parenthesis after the quote. Ex. "Simon felt embarrassed" (7). Ex. "Piggy said, 'Leave my specs alone!'" (19). The quotes do not have to be something that someone said directly. You can use narration as a quote.
4. Remember that your quotes are used to prove your thesis. Make sure they apply.
5. Use at least two or more specific examples or bits of evidence in each of the body paragraphs to support your points.
6. Make sure each body paragraph has a "closer" or a wrap-up sentence.

### **Conclusion:**

1. Use a transition.
2. Restate your thesis (three characteristics).
3. Wrap-up with a general, thoughtful closing remark(s) about your character.

This will be worth up to 100 pts. It will be graded on both content and mechanics.  
REMEMBER:

1. Use transitions throughout your essay.
2. Do not use "I" or "you".
3. Check for misspelled words.
4. Vary the beginnings of your sentences and use a variety of sentence lengths and structures.
5. Do not use run-ons or fragments.
6. Proofread aloud to check that your paper makes sense and to catch errors.
7. Be specific. Prove that you have read and understand the book.