

# LORD OF THE FLIES

## CHARACTER DESCRIPTIONS

<b>RALPH</b>	The play's protagonist, the sixteen-year-old English boy who is elected leader of the group of boys marooned on the island. Ralph attempts to coordinate the boys' efforts to build a miniature civilization on the island until they can be rescued. Ralph represents human beings' civilizing instinct, as opposed to the savage instinct that Jack embodies.
<b>JACK</b>	The play's antagonist, one of the older boys stranded on the island. Jack becomes the leader of the hunters but longs for total power and becomes increasingly wild, barbaric, and cruel as the novel progresses. Jack, adept at manipulating the other boys, represents the instinct of savagery within human beings, as opposed to the civilizing instinct Ralph represents.
<b>PIGGY</b>	Ralph's "lieutenant." A whiny, intellectual boy, Piggy's inventiveness frequently leads to innovation, such as the makeshift sundial that the boys use to tell time. Piggy represents the scientific, rational side of civilization.
<b>SIMON</b>	A shy, sensitive boy in the group. Simon, in some ways the only naturally "good" character on the island, behaves kindly toward the younger boys and is willing to work for the good of their community. Moreover, because his motivation is rooted in his deep feeling of connectedness to nature, Simon is the only character whose sense of morality does not seem to have been imposed by society.
<b>ROGER</b>	Jack's "lieutenant." A sadistic, cruel older boy who brutalizes the littluns and eventually delivers a final blow.
<b>SAM &amp; ERIC</b>	A pair of twins closely allied with Ralph. Sam and Eric are always together, and the other boys often treat them as a single entity, calling them "Samneric." The easily excitable Sam and Eric are part of the group known as the "bigguns." At the end of the novel, they fall victim to Jack's manipulation and coercion.
<b>PERCIVAL</b>	One of the littluns whose nightmare about the Beast was real. He represents the younger boys who are too young to hunt, speak up, or make decisions. In the end, though, their loyalty will be tested.
<b>MAURICE &amp; ROBERT</b>	They are both boys in Jack's Choir. They are eager to serve Jack by hunting, searching, and causing chaos on the island.