

# Lord of the Flies Anticipation Guide & Activities

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**Before reading:** For each of the following statements decide whether you tend to agree or disagree. In the left column, if you agree with the statement, put a check mark  $\checkmark$ , and if you disagree with the statement, put an **X**. You must choose only one response. For each statement, defend your response with an explanation.

**During reading:** Look for evidence in *Lord of the Flies* that either supports (agree) or doesn't support (disagree) each statement. Place the appropriate mark under the third column. In the far right column record the page numbers to back up your findings.

My Opinion	General statement	<i>Lord of the Flies</i>	Text Evidence (summarize or put page #)
Explain:	Being stranded on a tropical island would be paradise.		
Explain:	Children can naturally organize themselves.		
Explain:	Our environment can greatly impact the course of our lives.		
Explain:	Most people are followers, not leaders.		
Explain:	A good leader must have charisma.		
Explain:	A good leader must have moral integrity.		
Explain:	People are essentially good at heart.		
Explain:	There is usually a clear-cut winner in most conflicts.		
Explain:	Society does not need police or written laws to keep people honest.		
Explain:	There is a "beast" within each and every one of us.		

**Follow-up:** Choose five of the previous statements. Write a paragraph for each statement that explains whether *Lord of the Flies* supports or doesn't support it. Use quotes gathered from the text to back up the argument in each paragraph.

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# Question & Answer Survey

Directions – Write detailed, complete sentence responses for each of the following questions.  
Be prepared to share your responses in a class discussion.

1. If this English class were put on a deserted, tropical island, what would happen?
2. When you watch little kids play together, are they nice to each other? Explain.
3. What is the cruelest, meanest thing you've ever done?
4. Have you ever been hunting? Why? If not, would you ever go hunting? Explain why or why not. If so, did you kill anything, and how did that feel?
5. Have you ever shot anyone/anything in a video game? How did that feel? If not, would you ever play a video game that imitates war or murder? Explain why or why not.
6. Have you ever been alone, outside, in the dark? Describe the situation. How did it feel?