

## **Symbolism in Lord of the Flies**

1. **Ralph** - the human symbol for common sense and democracy, fairness
2. **Jack** - symbolic of dictators in the world, also the bestial instinct of the human being unrestrained by any rational control; like Lucifer.
3. **Roger** - symbolizes the sadistic individual who enjoys hurting others.
4. **Simon** – outcast; the Christ-like figure; symbol for goodness, purity, truth, and courage.
5. **Piggy** – outcast; the human voice of reason, symbol of intellectualism, maturity; scapegoat
6. **Deaths of Simon and Piggy** – symbolic of the breakdown of civilization, goodness, & reason among the boys.
7. **island** - before the arrival of the boys, the Garden of Eden; after the arrival of the boys, the corrupted world of humankind.
8. **scar** - represent the arrival of corrupt civilization on the pristine island
9. **wilderness / forest** – represents a place where rules don't apply
10. **conch** - civilized authority, order, democracy, organization, leadership, unity.
11. **loss of the conch** - failure or breakdown of society on the island.
12. **glasses** - ability to see clearly, to perceive what is best, a symbol of intellectualism, civilization
13. **rock** – symbolizes strength and violence
14. **fire** - hope, celebration, rescue, survival, real food, also destruction
15. **mask (face-painting)** - means of hiding oneself and becoming someone different
16. **colors** – (green = youth; red = violence; white = terror; black = evil)
17. **imagined beast** - fear, superstition
18. **killing of the sow** - rape
19. **Lord of the Flies / pig head** - the Devil, destruction, the evil in all mankind.
20. **the “flies”** - followers of Beelzebub, the Devil (also symbolic of Jack's tribe)

21. **Ralph and Piggy's involvement in Simon's death** – evil is present in everyone
22. **Castle Rock** - control and power.
23. **ocean** – barrier between boys and civilization; death
24. **daytime** – safety
25. **nighttime** – danger
26. **weather / storm** – murder and chaos