***Lord of the Flies* Essay Prompt**

Symbols are people, places, or things that stand for themselves, but that also a much broader idea. William Golding uses a number of symbols to show how a group of young boys turn into savages. Choose ONE symbol that Golding uses and write a four or five paragraph essay in which you discuss how Golding uses the symbol **to trace the boys’ descent into savagery or an important theme in the novel**. You need to include six concrete details total (quotations from the novel).

Rephrase writing prompt into a question: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Answer the question (Include title and/or author) (Thesis): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Requirements:**

* **Typed, MLA format**
* **Four or five well-developed paragraphs: introduction, two or three body paragraphs, and a conclusion**
* **Six quotes from the novel – include the page number**
* **No outside sources are allowed for this assignment (unless you are using a quotation for your attention getter.)**
* **Before you submit your final draft to turnitin.com, please review and check for spelling, grammar, and capitalization errors.**

**DUE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**\*Essays submitted after the due date will not be graded.**

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**Outline:**

1. **Introduction Paragraph**
2. Attention Getter

* Rhetorical Question (Students often overuse this).
* Relevant Quote from Outside Source
* Relevant Quote from Story
* Fact or Statistic
* Description of initial response from work – no first person
* Shocking or amusing generalization

1. Background Information

* Author’s Name (William Golding
* Title of Novel (Italicized)
* Very Brief Plot Summary (four – five sentences)

1. Thesis Statement

# First, Second, and possibly Third Body Paragraph

# Topic Sentence- Make it arguable!

1. Concrete Detail 1
2. Commentary for Concrete Detail 1: **Discuss how the symbol shows the boys’ descent into savagery or displays a theme.**
3. Concrete Detail 2
4. Commentary for Concrete Detail 2: **Discuss how the symbol shows the boys’ descent into savagery or displays a theme.**
5. Concrete Detail 3 \*Only if you are writing three body paragraphs)
6. Commentary for Concrete Detail 3 **Discuss how the symbol shows the boys’ descent into savagery or displays a theme.**
7. Concluding Sentences

**V. Conclusion Paragraph**

a. Restate (reword) thesis.

b. Overall commentary. **Discuss WHY Golding shows the boys’ descent into**

**savagery or displays a theme. What is he saying about people and human nature?**