

Lord of the Flies Essay

The theme of *Lord of the Flies* is described by Golding as follows, “The Theme is an attempt to trace the defects of society back to the defects of human nature. The moral is that the shape of society must depend on the ethical nature of the individual and not on any political system, however apparently logical or disciplined. If individuals cannot be responsible for themselves, act with maturity and discipline then sadly no political system can save them; society is doomed without individuals being responsible for themselves.

In a well developed essay, address how the lack of maturity in the characters caused them to fail as a group and spiral into chaos and death.

Your essay must have a minimum of the following:

1. A Hook (only one) :
 - a. A Rhetorical Question
 - b. An Anecdote
 - c. A Direct Quote **
2. A thesis that responds fully to the prompt and is located at the end of the introductory paragraph. Your thesis should always be in one sentence. **Your thesis must be highlighted.** - Please review Thesis handout on our website, if you have questions.
3. Always write about literature in **present tense**. Example: *Piggy is going to the beach*
4. Body paragraphs must begin with a transition and a **topic sentence**. *While Piggy is often morally correct, he does not have the self-confidence to be a leader.**
 - a. Body paragraphs include 3 quotes that support your thesis followed by clear analysis not summary. **Analysis answers why the quote is important.**
5. MLA Citations after all quotes - (Golding 55). See our website for more information.
6. Paragraphs must be at least 5 complete sentences in length [*not including quotes*]
7. Do not use second person (*you, our, we, us*). Don not use contractions (*can't, - cannot, you're – you are etc.*).
8. A thoughtful conclusion that does not start a new essay or ask questions.
9. Essay must be three full pages long. Shorter papers will begin at 60%.
10. Grammar, syntax and diction do count.

“Maybe there is a beast... maybe it's only us.”

— William Golding, Lord of the Flies

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