



# YOUNGSTERS' LITERATURE

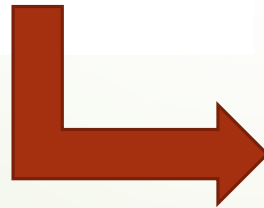
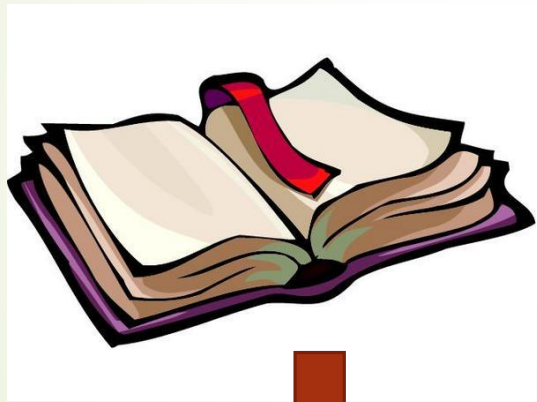
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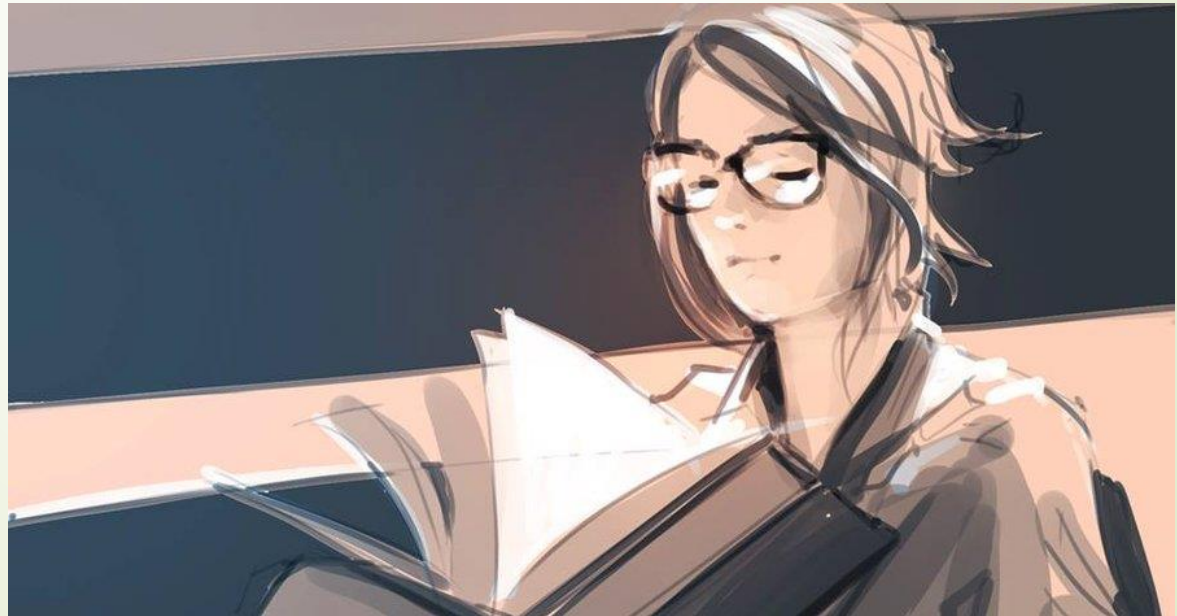
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***From Reading to Movies***

The activity carried out has the intent to demonstrate that a film and a book, even if they tell the same story, are not necessarily the copy of each other; indeed they can assume different implications thus becoming two original works.



According to this theory reading the book and watching the film should be considered two distinct experiences and it is advisable to watch the film only after having read the book.



The objective was to compare two different types of language, the written and the visual ones.



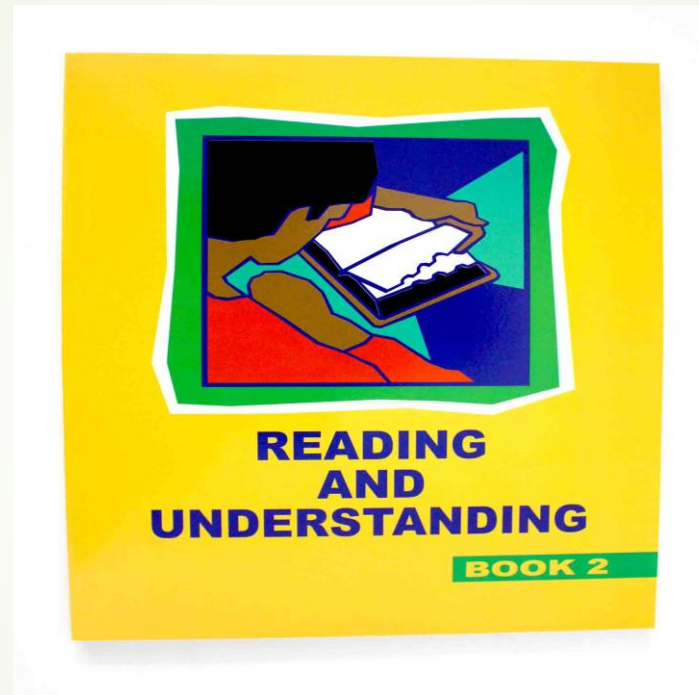
The work was organized in different steps comprising several activities





# 1st Activity:

Reading and Understanding the content.



The youngsters were asked to identify the most significant passages, to convey their feelings and to underline the sentences that affected them more.

## 2nd Activity:

Identifying the main characters and their roles



# 3rd activity:

Watching and Analyzing the film



Some reviews of the film have been read and commented

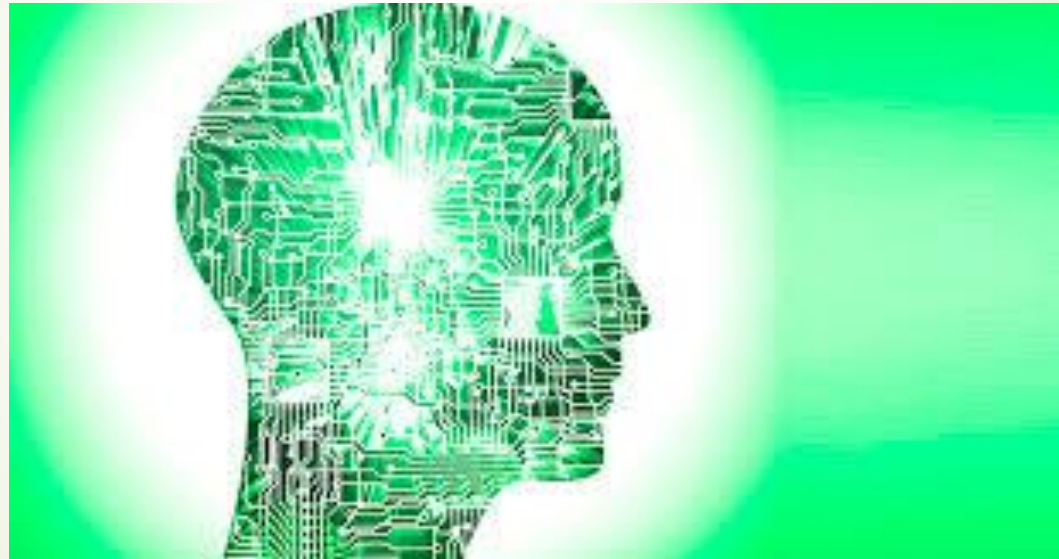
Questions:

- Are the characters the same you imagined?
- Would you have chosen different actors?



# 4th activity:

## Identifying Analogies and Differences



## Evaluation

- Describe Quentin's relationships with the other guys in the group
- What do you think about Margo?
- Do you think the book leaves something unfinished?
- If you were Quentin, how would you behave?
- How did the movie involve you?
- Which scene you preferred?



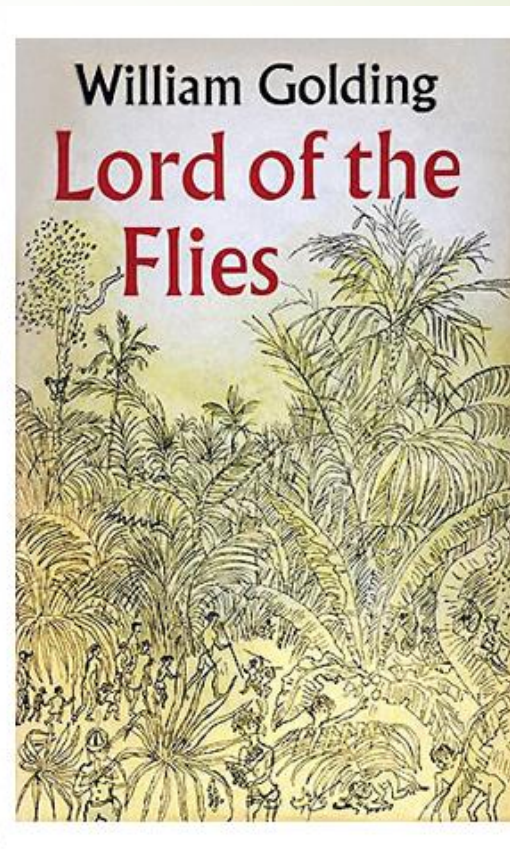
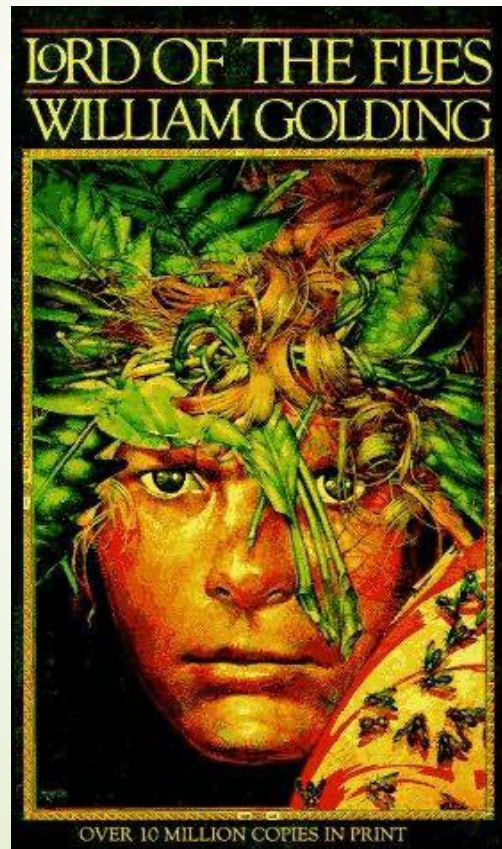




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## **The Romanian Team's Techniques for Teaching Literature in a pleasant way, based on 'Lord of the Flies' by William Golding**





## Activity1.

- 1.1. This activity can be done after the students have read the novel. At first, the teacher proposes an "ice breaking" exercise, which is represented by watching a fragment from the novel screening. The teacher plays the sequence of the film.
- "Jack held up the head and jammed the soft throat down on the pointed end of the stick which pierced through into the mouth. He stood back and the head hung there, a little blood dribbling down the stick. Instinctively the boys drew back too; and the forest was very still. They listened, and the loudest noise was the buzzing of flies over the spilled guts. Jack spoke in a whisper.
- "Pick up the pig."
- Maurice and Robert skewered the carcass, lifted the dead weight, and stood ready. In the silence, and standing over the dry blood, they looked suddenly furtive. Jack spoke loudly.
- "This head is for the beast. It's a gift." The silence accepted the gift and awed them. The head remained there, dim-eyed, grinning faintly, blood blackening between the teeth. All at once they were running away, as fast as they could, through the forest toward the open beach.
- 1.2 The students are asked to identify the moment that corresponds to the short sequence from the film.
- The expected answer is that the sequence is to be found in Chapter VII, when Jack's group of hunters kills a pig, and the leader impales the animal's head in a spear, as a sacrifice to the frightening 'Beast' that they think that is living on the island.






## **Activity 2.**

In the next sequence of the lesson, the students will be grouped in pairs. They are asked to write on some sheets of paper, two questions about the text, for which their colleagues provide their own answers, accompanied by fragments from the novel. The condition to be met by the questions is to reflect the most important / relevant moments in the development of the plot.

Questions	Possible answers
<p>How do children organise themselves when they realise they are stranded on an island?</p>	<p>When they realise that they are stranded on an island, the children organised themselves in groups, according to their age and concerns (the little ones, the boys in the choir and the big boys.)</p> <p><b>Chapter 1.</b> Piggy muttered the name to himself and then shouted it to Ralph, who was not interested because he was still blowing. His face was dark with the violent pleasure of making this stupendous noise, and his heart was making the stretched shirt shake. The shouting in the forest was nearer. Signs of life were visible now on the beach. The sand, trembling beneath the heat haze, concealed many figures in its miles of length; boys were making their way toward the platform through the hot, dumb sand. Three small children, no older than Johnny, appeared from startlingly close at hand, where they had been gorging fruit in the forest. A dark little boy, not much younger than Piggy, parted a tangle of undergrowth, walked on to the platform, and smiled cheerfully at everybody. More and more of them came. Taking their cue from the innocent Johnny, they sat down on the fallen palm trunks and waited. Ralph continued to blow short, penetrating blasts. Piggy moved among the crowd, asking names and frowning to remember them. The children gave him the same simple obedience that they had given to the men with megaphones. Some were naked and carrying their clothes; others half-naked, or more or less dressed, in school uniforms, grey, blue, fawn, jacketed, or jerseyed. There were badges, mottoes even, stripes of color in stockings and pullovers. Their heads clustered above the trunks in the green shade; heads brown, fair, black, chestnut, sandy, mouse-colored; heads muttering, whispering, heads full of eyes that watched Ralph and speculated. Something was being done. The children who came along the beach, singly or in twos, leapt into visibility when they crossed the line from heat haze to nearer sand. Here, the eye was first attracted to a black, bat-like creature that danced on the sand, and only later perceived the body above it. The bat was the child's shadow, shrunk by the vertical sun to a patch between the hurrying feet. Even while he blew, Ralph noticed the last pair of bodies that reached the platform above a fluttering patch of black. The two boys, bullet-headed and with hair like tow, flung themselves down and lay grinning and panting at Ralph like dogs. They were twins, and the eye was shocked and incredulous at such cheery duplication. They breathed together, they grinned together, they were chunky and vital. They raised wet lips at Ralph, for they seemed provided with not quite enough skin, so that their profiles were blurred and their mouths pulled open. Piggy bent his flashing glasses to them and could be heard between the blasts, repeating their names.</p> <p>"Sam, Eric, Sam, Eric." Then he got muddled; the twins shook their heads and pointed at each other and the crowd laughed. At last Ralph ceased to blow and sat there, the conch trailing from one hand, his head bowed on his knees. As the echoes died away so did the laughter, and there was silence. Within the diamond haze of the beach something dark was fumbling along. Ralph saw it first, and watched till the intentness of his gaze drew all eyes that way. Then the creature stepped from mirage on to clear sand, and they saw that the darkness was not all shadow but mostly clothing. The creature was a party of boys, marching approximately in step in two parallel lines and dressed in strangely eccentric clothing. Shorts, shirts, and different garments they carried in their hands; but each boy wore a square black cap with a silver badge on it. Their bodies, from throat to ankle, were hidden by black cloaks which bore a long silver cross on the left breast and each neck was finished off with a hambone frill. The heat of the tropics, the descent, the search for food, and now this sweaty march along the blazing beach had given them the complexions of newly washed plums. The boy who controlled them was dressed in the same way though his cap badge was golden. When his party was about ten yards from the platform he shouted an order and they halted, gasping, sweating, swaying in the fierce light. The boy himself came forward, vaulted on to the platform with his cloak flying, and peered into what to him was almost complete darkness.</p>

<p>What is the moment when Ralph and Jack decide to organise and get into two separate groups?</p>	<p>Ralph and Jack decide tthis when the boys who had to maintain the fire burning, fail to do this and in this way, the sailors on the ship that could have seen them did not spot them because the children were hunting.</p> <p>Chapter 4. The hunters were more silent now, but at this they buzzed again. Ralph flung back his hair. One arm pointed at the empty horizon. His voice was loud and savage, and struck them into silence. "There was aship." Jack, faced at once with too many awful implications, ducked away from them. He laid a hand on the pig and drew his knife. Ralph brought his arm down, fist clenched, and his voice shook. "There was a ship. Out there. You said you'd keep the fire going and you let it out!" He took a step toward Jack, who turned and faced him. "They might have seen us. We might have gone home--" This was too bitter for Piggy, who forgot his timidity in the agony of his loss. He began to cry out, shrilly: "You and your blood, Jack Merridew! You and your hunting! We might have gone home--" Ralph pushed Piggy to one side. "I was chief, and you were going to do what I said. You talk. But you can't even build huts--then you go off hunting and let out the fire--" He turned away, silent for a moment. Then his voice came again on a peak of feeling. "There was a ship--" One of the smaller hunters began to wail. The dismal truth was filtering through to everybody. Jack went very red as he hacked and pulled at the pig. "The job was too much. We needed everyone."</p>
<p>With what episode from the plot can you associate the meaning of the title?</p>	<p>The meaning of the title is associated with the episode from the end of Chapter 7 when Simon sees the pig's head in a spear and this is the moment his imagination overwhelms him. The child starts to talk with the Lord of the Flies that tells him that the beast that they all talk about is in each person, in its inner self and there will be a time in which everyone will suffer.</p> <p>Simon's head wobbled. His eyes were half closed as though he were imitating the obscene thing on the stick. He knew that one of his times was coming on. The Lord of the Flies was expanding like a balloon.</p> <p>"This is ridiculous. You know perfectly well you'll only meet me down there--so don't try to escape!" Simon's body was arched and stiff. The Lord of the Flies spoke in the voice of a schoolmaster. "This has gone quite far enough. My poor, misguided child, do you think you know better than I do?" There was a pause. "I'm warning you. I'm going to get angry. D'you see? You're not wanted. Understand? We are going to have fun on this island. Understand? We are going to have fun on this island! So don't try it on, my poor misguided boy, or else--" Simon found he was looking into a vast mouth. There was blackness within, a blackness that spread. "--Or else," said the Lord of the Flies, "we shall do you? See? Jack and Roger and Maurice and Robert and Bill and Piggy and Ralph. Do you. See?"</p>



### **Activity 3. Puzzle**

The teacher prepares a set of sentences which contains some main ideas of the text. These are written on separate sheets of paper, they are jumbled, and the students' task is to put the given ideas in a chronological order.

For example,

- Ralph and Jack disputed their leading role when all the stranded children managed to meet on the coral cliffs.
- Simon discovers that the "beast" in the woods that they all feared is a dead parachutist and he runs to Jack's group to announce this, but unfortunately, he is confused with the beast by the children who were in a ritual, and is killed.
- The forest is burnt, Ralph seeks solutions to escape the pursuers from Jack's camp, and gets to the beach where he meets the soldiers arriving on the island by a cruise ship, thanks to the smoke produced by the fire.
- The place where the boys meet is a coral-bound rocky platform, having a water pool created by the flux-reflux phenomenon.
- The children vote for Ralph to be their leader, and the rule is that the one who holds the conch can speak.

**Activity 4.** Whom would you choose as a leader? Give arguments to sustain your opinion.



# Chapter 1. The Sound of the Shell

## The 1st sequence of techniques

### 1. Pre-reading Activity: Prediction

1.1 Taking into account the title of the book, do you think that it is a happy ending one?

1.2 What do you think the book is about?

### 2. While-reading Activity: Comprehension Questions:

2.1 What is the main conflict of the book at symbolic level?

Possible answer: Lord of the Flies dramatises the conflict between the civilising instinct and the barbarising one that all human beings have.

2.2 Why are there only boys between the ages of 12 and 6?

Possible answer: The fact that the characters are only boys is significant because they are not completely developed, they appear to be half way between civilisation and savagery and in this way they represent central conflict of the novel.

2.3 Why do the boys choose Ralph as their leader?

Possible answer: He showed his leadership ability when he blew in the conch shell to summon the boys and also because the boys were distracted by his appearance when they first saw him as, he was a good looking tall boy.

2.4 What does the conch shell represent?

Possible answer: The conch shell is the symbol for civilisation which is represented by law, order, and political legitimacy, as it is used to summon the boys when they are scattered on the island, and at the same time it grants the boy who holds it the right to speak in front of the other members of the group.

### 3. Post-Reading Activity: Answer the following questions:

1. Do you think you would survive on the island with the boys? Justify your answer.

2. Would the savagery take control of you?

3. How would you organise the group if you were on the island?

4. How would the situation be different if there were at least a grown-up with them?

## **The 2nd sequence of techniques**

Activity 1. Group Work: Brainstorming activity: Give as many answers as possible for each question at a time. Each group of four chooses a spokesperson who will read out the answers.

1. Where do you think a plane can crash?

Possible answer: We think a plane can crash into the ocean, in a tropical forest, a busy city or on an island.

2. If you were involved in a plane crash what would you do?

Possible answer: We will try to find other survivors and make contact with competent authorities like police fire department paramedics.

3. If the plane crashed on an island what would you do first?

Possible answer: First we will look for supplies and a place where to build a shelter.

4. What would you take from the remaining resources that you can find?

Possible answer: We will take food, first aid kits, and an axe if we found one.


5. What would you do if you were not the only survivor?

Possible answer: We will try to convince them to work together to get saved more quickly and to protect one another.

Activity 2. Pre-reading Activity.

2.1 The following excerpt from the first chapter is given to students on worksheets. The students are told to:

- scan the text to see how many people there are and what their names are
- skim the text for the gist



‘Ralph had stopped smiling and was pointing into the lagoon. Something creamy lay among the ferny weeds. "A stone." "No. A shell." Suddenly Piggy was a-bubble with decorous excitement. "S'right. It's a shell! I seen one like that before. On someone's back wall. A conch he called it. He used to blow it and then his mum would come. It's ever so valuable--" Near to Ralph's elbow a palm sapling leaned out over the lagoon. Indeed, the weight was already pulling a lump from the poor soil and soon it would fall. He tore out the stem and began to poke about in the water, while the brilliant fish flicked away on this side and that. Piggy leaned dangerously. "Careful! You'll break it--" "Shut up." Ralph spoke absently. The shell was interesting and pretty and a worthy plaything; but the vivid phantoms of his day-dream still interposed between him and Piggy, who in this context was an irrelevance. The palm sapling, bending, pushed the shell across the weeds. Ralph used one hand as a fulcrum and pressed down with the other till the shell rose, dripping, and Piggy could make a grab. Now the shell was no longer a thing seen but not to be touched, Ralph too became excited. Piggy babbled: "--a conch; ever so expensive. I bet if you wanted to buy one, you'd have to pay pounds and pounds and pounds--he had it on his garden wall, and my auntie--" Ralph took the shell from Piggy and a little water ran down his arm. In color the shell was deep cream, touched here and there with fading pink. Between the point, worn away into a little hole, and the pink lips of the mouth, lay eighteen inches of shell with a slight spiral twist and covered with a delicate, embossed pattern. Ralph shook sand out of the deep tube. "--mooed like a cow," he said. "He had some white stones too, an' a bird cage with a green parrot. He didn't blow the white stones, of course, an' he said--" Piggy paused for breath and stroked the glistening thing that lay in Ralph's hands. "Ralph!" Ralph looked up. "We can use this to call the others. Have a meeting. They'll come when they hear us--" He beamed at Ralph. "That was what you meant, didn't you? That's why you got the conch out of the water?" Ralph pushed back his fair hair. "How did your friend blow the conch?" "He kind of spat," said Piggy. "My auntie wouldn't let me blow on account of my asthma. He said you blew from down here." Piggy laid a hand on his jutting abdomen. "You try, Ralph. You'll call the others." Doubtfully, Ralph laid the small end of the shell against his mouth and blew. There came a rushing sound from its mouth but nothing more. Ralph wiped the salt water off his lips and tried again, but the shell remained silent. "He kind of spat." Ralph pursed his lips and squirted air into the shell, which emitted a low, farting noise. This amused both boys so much that Ralph went on squirting for some minutes between bouts of laughter. "He blew from down here." Ralph grasped the idea and hit the shell with air from his diaphragm. Immediately the thing sounded. A deep, harsh note boomed under the palms, spread through the intricacies of the forest and echoed back from the pink granite of the mountain’

### **Activity 3 While- reading Activity:**

3.1 Find synonyms for the words: shell, a place where many people meet, ghosts

Answers:

conch = shell; meeting=a place where many people meet; vivid  
phantoms = ghosts

3.2 Comprehension Questions.

Using the text above, answer the questions.

1. Where was Ralph pointing at?
2. What did the boys find in the sand?
3. For what did the boys use the shell?
4. What did Ralph do to make the shell emit sounds?

Answers:

1. Ralph was pointing at the lagoon.
2. They found a shell.
3. They used the shell to call the others.
4. Ralph hit the shell with air from his diaphragm.

### **Activity 4. Post- reading Activity**

Debate on the following statement.' The conch proves more valuable on the island than on someone's back wall'



## The 3rd sequence of techniques


Activity 1. While -reading Activity: Read the text silently. Choose the variant that is correct for each question.

1. How did the children get on the island?  
a. their plane was shut down over the ocean b. their ship was sunk c. we don't know
  
2. How does Piggy and Ralph call the other boys?  
a. They blow into a conch shell b. they set up a fire c. they wave a piece of cloth
  
3. What does Jack's group become?  
a. the hunters b. the littluns c. the gatherers
  
4. Who is the boys' leader ?  
a. Jack b. Piggy c. Ralph

Answers : 1a; 2a;3a; 4c

Activity 2. While -reading Activity: Read out the following excerpt and tell

1. what feelings are shown.
2. how the two boys react to the event
3. which one seems merciful



'They found a piglet caught in a curtain of creepers, throwing itself at the elastic traces in all the madness of extreme terror. Its voice was thin, needle-sharp and insistent; The three boys rushed forward and Jack drew his knife again with a flourish. He raised his arm in the air. There came a pause, a hiatus, the pig continued to scream and the creepers to jerk, and the blade continued to flash at the end of a bony arm. The pause was only long enough for them to understand what an enormity the downward stroke would be. Then the piglet tore loose from the creepers and scurried into the undergrowth. They were left looking at each other and the place of terror. Jack's face was white under the freckles. He noticed that he still held the knife aloft and brought his arm down replacing the blade in the sheath. Then they all three laughed ashamedly and began to climb back to the track. "I was choosing a place," said Jack. "I was just waiting for a moment to decide where to stab him." "You should stick a pig," said Ralph fiercely. "They always talk about sticking a pig." "You cut a pig's throat to let the blood out," said Jack, "otherwise you can't eat the meat."

### Activity 3. Post – reading Activity

Answer the following questions:

Why do you think Jack didn't kill the wild pig?

Possible answer: I think Jack hesitated to kill the pig because he is too young. As he is so young he still has feelings of mercy and he needs time to be emotionally prepared to do this. Moreover, his words "I was choosing a place " show that he only masked his inability to kill the pig.

What would you do if you were Jack? Why?



# Chapter 2: Fire on the Mountain

## **The 1st sequence of techniques**


Activity 1. Pre-reading Activity. Brainstorming

Knowing what the children do in the first chapter, what do you think that they will do next?

Activity 2. While-reading Activity. The following text is given to student and they are asked to

- skim the text for the gist
- identify the sentences that show the purpose of the children's action





"There's another thing. We can help them to find us. If a ship comes near the island they may not notice us. So we must make smoke on top of the mountain. We must make a fire." "A fire! Make a fire!" At once half the boys were on their feet. Jack clamored among them, the conch forgotten. "Come on! Follow me!" The space under the palm trees was full of noise and movement. Ralph was on his feet too, shouting for quiet, but no one heard him. All at once the crowd swayed toward the island and was gone--following Jack. Even the tiny children went and did their best among the leaves and broken branches. Ralph was left, holding the conch, with no one but Piggy. Piggy's breathing was quite restored. "Like kids!" he said scornfully. "Acting like a crowd of kids!" Ralph looked at him doubtfully and laid the conch on the tree trunk. "I bet it's gone tea-time," said Piggy. "What do they think they're going to do on that mountain?" He caressed the shell respectfully, then stopped and looked up. "Ralph! Hey! Where you going?" Ralph was already clambering over the first smashed swathes of the scar. A long way ahead of him was crashing and laughter. Piggy watched him in disgust. "Like a crowd of kids--" He sighed, bent, and laced up his shoes. The noise of the errant assembly faded up the mountain. Then, with the martyred expression of a parent who has to keep up with the senseless ebullience of the children, he picked up the conch, turned toward the forest, and began to pick his way over the tumbled scar. Below the other side of the mountain top was a platform of forest. Once more Ralph found himself making the cupping gesture. "Down there we could get as much wood as we want." Jack nodded and pulled at his underlip. Starting perhaps a hundred feet below them on the steeper side of the mountain, the patch might have been designed expressly for fuel. Trees, forced by the damp heat, found too little soil for full growth, fell early and decayed: creepers cradled them, and new saplings searched a way up. Jack turned to the choir, who stood ready. Their black caps of maintenance were slid over one ear like berets. "We'll build a pile. Come on." They found the likeliest path down and began tugging at the dead wood. And the small boys who had reached the top came sliding too till everyone but Piggy was busy. Most of the wood was so rotten that when they pulled, it broke up into a shower of fragments and woodlice and decay; but some trunks came out in one piece. The twins, Sam 'n Eric, were the first to get a likely log but they could do nothing till Ralph, Jack, Simon, Roger and Maurice found room for a hand-hold. Then they inched the grotesque dead thing up the rock and toppled it over on top.

**Comprehension Questions. Using the text above answer the following questions:**

Who helped the twins to get the log?

The characters that helped Sam and Eric are Jack, Ralph , Simon ,Roger and Maurice

How did they plan to signal the ships and planes so that they could get rescued ?

They planned to build a fire.

How most of the wood was?

The wood was very rotten.

What happened with the rotten wood when the tried to pull it out?

The rotten wood started to break into pieces.

How did Piggy think the boys acted like ?

Piggy thought they acted like kids , "like a crowd of kids"

Who were the first to find a likely log?

Sam and Eric, were the first to get a likely log.

Choose the correct variant.

What do they use to light the fire?

a. a piece of glass found in the forest b. flint c. Piggy's glasses

Who gets to speak at the meeting?

who wants      b. who is asked by Ralph      c. who is holding the conch

Who says that the most important thing is to keep a signal fire going so they can be rescued?

Ralph              b. Piggy              c. Eric

Who was the boy that disappear?

Jack              b. the boy that told them about the snake-beast      c. one of the hunters

Where is the signal fire placed?

On top of the island's central mountain      b. on the beach      c. in the middle of the forest.

Answers: 1c; 2c;3a;4b;5a

Activity 3. Post –reading Activity. Express your opinion about the place chosen by the boys for the signal fire. Is it good or bad ? Justify your choice.

Possible answers:

I think the place chosen by the boys is good because the fire signal can be see more easily from a plane or an approaching boat.

I think the place chosen by the boys is bad because they can light up the forest.

## The 2nd sequence of techniques

### Activity 1. While- Reading Activity

The students are divided into groups of four. They should read the text below and do the tasks. The tasks are, as follows:

- 1.1 a. Identify who the person who summoned the how is.
- b. How the boys were sitting and how this may be indicative of following events?
- c. How Ralph felt at first when he wanted to speak. How things changed. Why?
- d. What Jack says and does and how this may indicate his future actions. Explain

'By the time Ralph finished blowing the conch the platform was crowded. There were differences between this meeting and the one held in the morning. The afternoon sun slanted in from the other side of the platform and most of the children, feeling too late the smart of sunburn, had put their clothes on. The choir, less of a group, had discarded their cloaks.

Ralph sat on a fallen trunk, his left side to the sun. On his right were most of the choir; on his left the larger boys who had not known each other before the evacuation; before him small children squatted in the grass.

Silence now. Ralph lifted the cream and pink shell to his knees and a sudden breeze scattered light over the platform. He was uncertain whether to stand up or remain sitting. He looked sideways to his left, toward the bathing pool. Piggy was sitting near but giving no help.

Ralph cleared his throat.

"Well then."

All at once he found he could talk fluently and explain what he had to say. He passed a hand through his fair hair and spoke.

"We're on an island. We've been on the mountain top and seen water all round. We

saw no houses, no smoke, no footprints, no boats, no people. We're on an uninhabited island with no other people on it."

Jack broke in.

"All the same you need an army--for hunting. Hunting pigs--"

"Yes. There are pigs on the island."

All three of them tried to convey the sense of the pink live thing struggling in the creepers.

"We saw--"

"Squealing--"

"It broke away--"

"Before I could kill it--but--next time!"

Jack slammed his knife into a trunk and looked round challengingly.

The meeting settled down again.

"So you see," said Ralph, "We need hunters to get us meat. And another thing."

(William Golding, "Lord of the flies", Chapter 2.)

## Read the following questions and answer with True or False:

When Ralph finished blowing the conch, the platform was not crowded at all. True/ False

They were on an uninhabited island with no other people on it. True/ False

They didn't need hunters to get them meat because they were able to find it by themselves. True /False

All three of them tried to convey the sense of the pink live thing struggling in the creepers. True/ False

Answers: a. F; b. T; c. F; d. T

1.3 Give synonyms or explain the following words from the context: evacuation, conch, uninhabited, evacuation = shifting, expulsion

conch=shell, oyster

uninhabited= unpopulated, unsettled

squatted- lowered body by bending knee

broke away- escaped/fled

1.4 Choose the correct answer:

.....slammed his knife into a trunk and looked round challengingly.

Jack

b) Ralph

c) Piggy

.....was sitting near but giving no help.

Piggy

b) Simon

c) the choir

What animals were there on the island?

sheep

b) cows

c) pigs

1a; 2a; 3c



## Activity 2. Post – reading Activity

Express your opinion. What do you think? Answer these questions and let your classmates know what your point of view is on what happened on the island.

Why was Piggy excluded and not considered a leader? Do you believe that things would have been different if the other boys had respected his ideas and actions?

How do you think that the abusive leadership style that Jack had could have affected the situation even more?

Suppose the plot of Lord of the Flies involved a mixed group of girls and boys, instead of all boys. Do you think the same violent and cruel tendencies would have emerged on the island?

Giving solutions to problems. Justify your answers.

Imagine that you and your group of friends get stuck in a similar situation as the boys from the island. How would you act to save both your life and your friends'? ( 50/100 words)

Debate.

Defend and/or criticize Ralph's actions as leader. What were his motivations? Give your opinion on his actions.

"We'll have rules!" he cried excitedly. "Lots of rules! Then when anyone breaks 'em--

""Whee--oh!" Do we really need rules? Do we really need to break them?

## Chapter 3. Huts on the Beach

The students read this chapter before the class starts. So, they know that in this chapter we can see how the conflict between Ralph and Jack, the two main characters, develops. When Ralph accuses Jack of using his hunting duty as an excuse for wasting time instead of helping him build a shelter, Jack tries to reason that all the boys need meat and it should be their priority. But while Jack has more boys to help him, the only boy who helps Ralph is Simon.

Activity 1. Answer the following questions . Expand on the chosen answer with more reasons justifying your opinion with arguments from what you have read.

Who do you agree with?

With Ralph, because if they don't have where to sleep then they could be in danger.

With Jack, because they can't eat only fruits forever. They need meat.

I have a different opinion.

Why do you think nobody but Simon helps Ralph?

He isn't a good leader.

All the boys want to help Jack.

They don't think that the shelters are that important.

How could've Ralph and Jack avoided the fight?

First, they should have helped Ralph and then go hunting.

They should have hunted first and then go help Ralph

They should have divided into halves for the two tasks.

### **Conclusion:**

From this part of the chapter we observe that the boys, now stranded on the island, have different opinions of how they should try to stay alive. Jack and Ralph being the best example as they both want to be the leader of the group.

Do you think that the conflict can be applied at a bigger scale? Sustain your answers with arguments.

Yes

No

Possible answer: The conflict between the two of them can also be applied at a bigger scale to the "real" world because, on the one hand, there has been a permanent fight between our desire to give in to our natural instincts, to have power and to be selfish, and on the other hand, to follow the rules we are taught so that we could live in peace and order.

## Activity 2. The teacher focuses the attention on another character, Simon.

2.1 In pairs, the students answer the following questions and sustain their answers with arguments.

What kind of person Simon is?

Where does he feel happier and more secure, in nature or with the other boys?

The teacher elicits the answers that throughout the chapter, Simon is presented a little more than before, the author showing us a new part of him. We can see the bond between Simon and nature, that he is the single one who is willing to help Ralph build the shelter and the only one that does not make fun of the little ones.

2.2 Choose one of the two variants. Give one more reason for the variant you chose and another one that made you reject the other answer.

1. Do you think that maybe Simon should be the leader?

Yes, because he could bring peace and the group will no longer fight.

No, because his role is not to be a leader.

2. Do you think Simon was taught to be kind, but eventually will end up like Jack and his friends?

Yes, he will eventually give in and be like the others.

No, he was not taught to be kind, this is the way he is.

Conclusion

Simon is a reminder that even when the “world” is in a constant fight, there still is kindness and generosity. He doesn't have to be a leader as his goodness already makes a big difference.

2.3 Answer the T/F sentences.

1. Ralph and Jack are good friends. (False)

2. Jack is the leader of the hunting group. (True)

3. Jack wants to be the leader (True)

4. Simon is not helpful at all (False)

5. Everybody helped Ralph build shelters (False)

6. Simon hates the little ones (False)

7. Jack thinks that bringing meat should be the priority (True)

## Activity 3. Making choices and giving arguments for supporting them.

Complete the sentences and justify the choice you make.

In this chapter I can relate more to .....

I think ..... should be the leader.

..... is my favorite character.

If I was on a deserted island my priority will be .....

I would survive only ..... on that island.

If I had been the leader, I could have made things .....

# Chapter 4. Painted faces and Long Hair

## The 2nd sequence of techniques

### **Activity 1. The students are asked to sum up the main events of this chapter.**

Taking into account that in this chapter, the boys have already formed a routine in which, every day is the same. But the little ones believe that a beast is hiding in the woods. While Jack is focused on the idea of killing a pig, he forgets about the signal fire, which has gone out. Meanwhile, Piggy and Ralph sees a ship on the horizon but because of the fire they have missed their chance to escape.

### **Activity2. Expressing opinions. The students have to choose one of the two variants and enlarge upon the statement they have chosen.**


1. Do you think that Jack is too obsessed with the task to bring meat to the boys?
  - Yes, he should think of other things as well.
  - No, meat is very important for survival so he should be like this.
1. Do you think that Jack's mistake should have consequences?
  - Yes, he should pay for his mistake.
  - No, he did not intend to lose the fire.

Jack and the hunting group returns from the woods with a dead pig and when Ralph tries to argue with him that it is his fault they have missed the ship and when Piggy joins Ralph to reason with them as well, he is slapped by Jack causing one of his lenses to break.

1. Should Jack be forgiven for his action because he brought meat?
  - Yes, at least if he forgot about the fire, he has food.
  - No, the priority is to get off the island.

### **Activity 3. Debate on the right course of action for Jack and Ralph.**





#### **Activity 4. Pair work.**

4.1 The students are divided into pairs and they have to mention three main features of the following characters.. They students need to justify their answers with examples from the text.

Jack is 1...../2...../3.....

Ralph is 1...../2...../3.....

Piggy is 1...../2...../3.....

Possible answers: (kind, a good hunter, smart, a good leader, loyal, mean, helpful, ignorant, organised)

4.2 The students read their answers and exchange opinions.

Activity 5. Identify the character who said the following: Piggy, Ralph or Jack.

"For hunting. Like in the war. You know--dazzle paint. Like things trying to look like something else--Like moths on a tree trunk."

"We got a lot of sticks. We could have a sundial each. Then we should know what the time was."

"There was a ship. Out there. You said you'd keep the fire going and you let it out!"

#### **Activity 6. Put the sentences in the right order.**

Jack slapped Piggy

Ralph and Piggy see the ship

Ralph and Jack fight

Jack brings the meat

Ralph observes the fire has gone out

#### **Activity 7. Take action! Pair Work.**

One of the students is Ralph and the other is Jack. In pairs, decide what you would do if you were one of them. Explain why.

# Chapters 3 and 4

## The 1st sequence of techniques

### Activity 1.

Identify the main idea. What makes you think so. Support your opinion with arguments.

State what the fire stands for. How about the pig? What helps you decide that they are the symbols of the civilisation and wilderness

The conflict between civilisation and wilderness represented by the fire and the pig

In chapter three and four the differences between the boys are getting bigger and bigger and we need to understand the reasons why they take a certain type of action, why they react the way they do and if they have certain values that guide their actions.

### Activity3.

3.1 Express your opinion. The students are given 2 minutes for each question to write the answer, and then they read out.

-What does civilisation mean to you?

Possible answer: The level of material and spiritual development of society in an era given to a people, a state, etc.

-Do you think that in our lifetime it is possible for our civilisation to collapse? Justify your answers.

Possible answers: Yes, as our world is fragile, there are so any nuclear weapons and so many conflicting interests./ No, because we are to strongly connected to one another and we can make the necessary decisions in due time to prevent this from happening.

The teacher writes down the key words from what the students say.

What are the elements in common that you have mentioned for each question?

What civilization means	Reasons why our civilization may collapse	Reasons why it is impossible for our civilization to collapse



#### Activity 4.

The teacher explains that in this story, through the characters actions, we can witness the fight that is within human nature and also the fight that is openly shown in the desire for dominance. All these struggles and transformations are shown through the characters' actions, but at the same time, they appear at symbolic level.

Pair work. Name 3 symbols that are used in the text.

The students give their answers and these ones are written down on blackboard/whiteboard/flipchart.

Possible answers:

-Piggy's Glasses: As Piggy is the most intelligent and rational boy on the island, his glasses may represent the power that both science and intellectual development possess in a society.

-The Conch Shell: the conch shell may be seen as the symbol of civilisation and the necessity of order, as it is the shell whose holding grants the boy's right to speak during their meetings. In this way, the shell may be perceived as the embodiment of democracy and political legitimacy.

The Signal Fire- can be viewed as the barometer of the level at which the boys connect to civilisation. In the earliest stage of the novel, the boys manage to keep the fire to signal that they really want their return to civilization. to be rescued and return to society, whereas the moment the fire goes out, the boys embraced their savage lives and lost their desire to be saved from the island. So, the signal fire measures how powerful the instinct of living in a civilized society is at certain moments of the plot unfolding.

#### Activity 5 Game Time:

5.1 Let's imagine that your classmates and you will have to spend 3 months on a deserted island. Exactly as in this novel, things might get wrong regarding human relationships. In order to feel protected, you have the right to choose 2 human values, such as honesty, respect, trust, hope, cooperation, compassion, friendship, forgiveness, wisdom that give you strength and that will be respected by all the other people on the island.

You will form four tribes and together with the members of your tribe, you will negotiate to choose only 2 human values to keep from the list that each person's right has form. There will be two representatives selected from each tribe who will negotiate with the other tribes the final two human values to be kept.

During the process of negotiation, the students will use arguments to tell why a certain value is more important than the others, given the circumstances.

5.2 The students will express their opinion on how these two human values that they have chosen would have changed the actions of characters from 'Lord of the Flies'.

# Chapter 5 –Beast from Water

## The 1st sequence of techniques

### SUMMARY OF THIS CHAPTER

This chapter points out the boys' failure to respect the group's rules, and how Jack starts to turn the children against their leader, Ralph. After the beast is brought into discussion at a meeting which Ralph summoned, everybody is scared and flees with Jack.

### Activity 1. Comprehension questions. Answer the following questions.

1. What is the meaning of the boys' actions?
2. Why do you think the boys leave Ralph for Jack?
3. What would you do if you were in this situation? Would you join Jack?  
Possible answers: The boys' fear of the beast becomes an important aspect of their lives, and it is growing by the day. By leaving Ralph and joining Jack, the children clearly show that their loyalty to Ralph is decreasing and they have started to put their faith in Jack.
4. What is Jack's purpose?  
Possible answers: By hinting the beast's existence, Jack manipulates the children to his advantage. In this way, the beast becomes Jack's main source of power, by enabling the children to act themselves as the beast and rip their humanity away.
5. Why does he do that? What do you think that would happen if Jack and Ralph cooperated?
6. What questions remain unanswered?  
Nobody knows for sure if the beast really exists. The two main protagonists have different approaches to how they handle the situations: Jack insists on the beast's existence whereas Ralph tries to keep the boys calm.
7. Do you believe that the beast exists? Which one of the boys is right?
8. What does Simon think?  
Possible answer: Simon believes that the beast is something that exists not only in the jungle, but in fact, it is already inside each boy, in his mind and soul and can be referred to as this inner savagery and evil that slowly but surely takes control of them.
9. Is Simon right? Explain what makes him think this way about the beast's existence.
10. What does Ralph do next?  
Ralph wants to blow the conch so he can call the children back, but he doesn't.
11. Why doesn't Ralph blow the conch?
12. Would the children return if Ralph blew the conch?
13. What would you do if you were in Ralph's situation?



## Activity 2. Working on the text.

2.1 Mark the words that show the child's terror of the beast.

"Last night I had a dream, a horrid dream, fighting with things. I was outside the shelter by myself, fighting with things, those twisty things in the trees." He paused, and the other littluns laughed in horrified sympathy. "Then I was frightened and I woke up. And I was outside the shelter by myself in the dark and the twisty things had gone away." The vivid horror of this, so possible and so nakedly terrifying, held them all silent. The child's voice went piping on from behind the white conch. "And I was frightened and started to call out for Ralph and then I saw something moving among the trees, something big and horrid." (horrid dream, horrified, frightened, horror, terrifying, something big and horrid)

2.2. Unjumble the text. Put the following sentences into the correct order.

1. Ralph chose the firm strip as a path because he needed to think, and only here could he allow his feet to move without having to watch them.
2. Suddenly, pacing by the water, he was overcome with astonishment.
3. He found himself understanding the wearisomeness of this life.
4. The tide was coming in and there was only a narrow strip of firm beach between the water and the white, stumbling stuff near the palm terrace.

(4, 1, 2, 3)

2.3 . Draw lines to connect the correct sentences.

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| 1. He spread his arms wide          | a. to the chief's seat. (4)              |
| 2. Jack paused                      | b. how time was passing. (5)             |
| 3. This meeting must not be fun     | c. and turned to the whole triangle. (1) |
| 4. Ralph turned                     | d. but business. (3)                     |
| 5. The sun in his eyes reminded him | e. and turned to his hunters. (2)        |

2.4 True or false

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|--|---------|
| a. Jack is willing to cooperate with Ralph.                    | T/F (F) |
| b. The children are terrified of the beast.                    | T/F (T) |
| c. Piggy and Simon flee with the other children.               | T/F (F) |
| d. Jack manipulates the children.                              | T/F (T) |
| e. Ralph blows the conch to summon the boys back to the group. | T/F (F) |

2.5. Place the correct words in the text.

Ralph moved \_\_\_\_\_. The trouble was, if you were a \_\_\_\_\_ you had to think, you had to be \_\_\_\_\_. And then the occasion \_\_\_\_\_ by so that you had to grab at a decision. This made you think; because thought was a \_\_\_\_\_ thing, that got results.

GIVEN WORDS: chief, slipped, valuable, wise, impatiently. (impatiently, chief, wise, slipped, valuable)



## **Activity 5. Explanation time**

5.1

- a. Explain Ralph's vision of the group's goals and how they work based on the text and your own interpretation.
- b. Explain Jack's vision of the group's goals and how they work based on the text and your own interpretation.
- c. Explain how their leadership goals are different or similar.

5.2. Explain the following quote, taking into account the two questions:

-What's Ralph's vision of the situation?

-Why do you think that everything is falling apart?

"Things are breaking up. I don't understand why. We began well; we were happy. And then--" He moved the conch gently, looking beyond them at nothing, remembering the beastie, the snake, the fire, the talk of fear. "Then people started getting frightened."

**Activity 6. Predict how their conflict will grow and what the consequences may be.**

## **Activity 7. Role play - groups of 4.**

Imagine you are Ralph, Jack, Piggy and Simon. Act like you have just landed on this deserted island. What would you do in this situation? Cooperate with the others, by playing the characters given and acting like them.

## The 2nd sequence of techniques

We can also name this chapter "Order vs. Chaos" because the more Ralph tries to maintain order, the more rude and cruel Jack will become. Firstly, the boys think there is a beast that comes from water on the island, but then they are talking about being a ghost on the island and how afraid they are.

Simon says, "...maybe there is a beast...What I mean is...maybe it's only us.", line, which in fact points at dehumanization. The boys forget to be humans, every single boy is on his own, and they only want to survive, even if this means turning against the others.

The monster on the island is imagined by the younger boys and by the fear that they could feel every single moment. It becomes apparent they should worry about the monsters within each of them.

The main idea of the chapter is presented by the conflict between the rules that Ralph tries to set up while he learns to be a good leader who can make rules and establish tasks that everyone will respect and the disorder that Jack provokes through the prevalence of savage instincts. Jake asks "Am I a hunter or am I not?"

### Activity 1. Activities on the text.

1.1 Pair Work. Discuss the question: If you were in this situation, would you act like Ralph or like Jack? Explain your answer. Make comparisons.

1.2 Choose the right answer:

1. Who said this: "I've been alone. By myself I went, thinking what's what. I know what we need. An assembly to put things straight. And first of all, I'm speaking." ?

- a) Piggy
- b) Ralph
- c) Jack
- d) Simon

2. Jack is constantly fighting "Who cares what you believe,....?":

- a) Simon
- b) Percival
- c) Maurice
- d) Piggy

3. When the boys were thinking about a ghost on the island, Piggy said something like:

- a) "Then I was frightened and I woke up. And was outside the shelter by myself in the dark and the twisty things had gone away."
- b) "Last night I had a dream, a horrid dream, fighting with things. I was outside the shelter by myself, fighting with things, those twisty things in the trees."

c) "And I was frightened and started to call out for Ralph and then I saw something moving among the trees, something big and horrid."

d) "I don't believe in no ghosts--ever!"

1.b), 2.d) ,3.d)

1.3 Read the following excerpts from chapter 5 and add suffixes or prefixes to the words in the brackets so that each of them should be correct in the context.

a) Ralph lifted the conch and peered into the gloom. The (1. LIGHT)..... thing was the pale beach. Surely the littluns were nearer? Yes—there was no doubt about it, they were huddled into a tight knot of bodies in the central grass. A flurry of wind made the palms talk and the noise (2 SEEM)..... very loud now that (3... DARK).....and silence made it so (4 NOTICE)..... Two grey trunks rubbed each other with an evil speaking that no one had noticed by day.



Answers : 1.LIGHTEST, 2. SEEMED,3. DARKNESS, 4. NOTICEABLE

b) At that he walked faster, a wave all at once of (1. URGENT).....and the declining sun and a little wind created by his speed that breathed about his face. This wind pressed his grey shirt (2 AGAIN).....his chest so that he noticed--in this new mood of comprehension—how the folds were stiff like cardboard, and unpleasant; noticed too how the frayed edges of his shorts were making an (3. COMFORT)....., pink area on the front of his thighs. With a convulsion of the mind, Ralph discovered dirt and decay, understood how much he disliked perpetually flicking the tangled hair out of his eyes, and at last, when the sun was gone, rolling (4. NOISE)...to rest among dry leaves. At that he began to trot.

Answers: 1.URGENCY, 2.AGAINST, 3.UNCOMFORTABLE, 4.NOISILY

**Activity 2. Give your opinion on the following. Use relevant arguments to sustain your idea.**

1.How do you think you would react if you were the leader of the group and “a monster” attacked you?

What is your opinion about dehumanisation? What would you do to solve that?

Do you think it is good to lead a group when you have the belief that nothing is going to stop you?

Activity 3. Based on what you learn by this chapter, write an essay with the following introduction: "All this I meant to say. Now I've said it. You voted me for chief. Now you do what I say" ( 150-200 words)



# Chapter 6- Beast from Air

## Activity 1. Prediction Activity

1.1 The teacher asks the students to predict what the beast from the title might be.

1.2 The students are given some words or phrases from an excerpt and in groups they will predict what happens. The words are: horizon, path of light, lights, moved fast, battle, bright explosion, darkness, parachute, dangling limbs, wind the mountain-side, tangle and festoon, shattered rocks, the figure bow forward. The students read their short compositions.

## Activity 2.

2.1 Read the text below and tell if your predictions were right.

'A sliver of moon rose over the horizon, hardly large enough to make a path of light even when it sat right down on the water; but there were other lights in the sky, that moved fast, winked, or went out, though not even a faint popping came down from the battle fought at ten miles' height. But a sign came down from the world of grownups, though at the time there was no child awake to read it. There was a sudden bright explosion and corkscrew trail across the sky; then darkness again and stars. There was a speck above the island, a figure dropping swiftly beneath a parachute, a figure that hung with dangling limbs. The changing winds of various altitudes took the figure where they would. Then, three miles up, the wind steadied and bore it in a descending curve round the sky and swept it in a great slant across the reef and the lagoon toward the mountain. The figure fell and crumpled among the blue flowers of the mountain-side, but now there was a gentle breeze at this height too and the parachute flopped and banged and pulled. So the figure, with feet that dragged behind it, slid up the mountain. Yard by yard, puff by puff, the breeze hauled the figure through the blue flowers, over the boulders and red stones, till it lay huddled among the shattered rocks of the mountain-top. Here the breeze was fitful and allowed the strings of the parachute to tangle and festoon; and the figure sat, its helmeted head between its knees, held by a complication of lines. When the breeze blew, the lines would strain taut and some accident of this pull lifted

the head and chest upright so that the figure seemed to peer across the brow of the mountain.

Then, each time the wind dropped, the lines would slacken and the figure bow forward again, sinking its head between its knees. So as the stars moved across the sky, the figure sat on the mountain-top and bowed and sank and bowed again.

Tell what the general atmosphere in the selected text is.

Pair Work. What do you think that this parachutist will mean for the boys' plight.

What does the air battle remind us of?

What is the similarity between the conflict on the island and the conflict in the outside world, the place the boys come from?



### Activity 3.

1.1 Group Work. Predicting. Students will read the following extract and are asked to predict what happens next. 'Ralph was dreaming. He had fallen asleep after what seemed hours of tossing and turning noisily among the dry leaves. Even the sounds of nightmare from the other shelters no longer reached him, for he was back to where he came from, feeding the ponies with sugar over the garden wall. Then someone was shaking his arm, telling him that it was time for tea.

"Ralph! Wake up!"

The leaves were roaring like the sea.

"Ralph, wake up!"

"What's the matter?"

"We saw--"

"--the beast--"

"--plain!"

"Who are you? The twins?"

"We saw the beast--"

"Quiet. Piggy!"

The leaves were roaring still. Piggy bumped into him and a twin grabbed him as he made for the oblong of paling stars.

"You can't go out--it's horrible!"

"Piggy--where are the spears?"

"I can hear the--"

"Quiet then. Lie still."

The students read out their answers. The teacher asks one of the students to read the next excerpt from the novel so that the students should see if their predictions have been right.

They discuss which prediction is close to the real storyline.

1.2 Explain why you think that Ralph has this sweet dream.

1.3 Explain the difference between reality and dream in Ralph's case.

## The second sequence of techniques.

**Activity 1. Pair Work.** Read the following extract. What do you think that had happened before, that made Ralph speak like that.

'-Ralph struck the skin off his knuckles. They did not seem to hurt.

"I'm chief. We've got to make certain. Can't you see the mountain? There's no signal showing. There may be a ship out there. Are you all off your rockers?"

Mutinously, the boys fell silent or muttering.

Jack led the way down the rock and across the bridge. '-

Explain how characters act. What makes them behave in this way?

**Activity 2. Expressing opinions.**

What do you think is the reason why the democracy didn't work on the island?

What do you think that is the reason why the boys chose Jack over Ralph?

What is your opinion about Jack? What about Ralph?

Do you think that Jack may have some good side?

**Activity 3.**

3.1 Explain what the words below mean and talk about how much meaning these words get in the context of the novel.:

Lagoon/Hunter/Unharmd/Chief/Team/Darkness

Lagoon: a stretch of salt water separated from the sea by a low sand bank or coral reef.

Hunter: a person who **hunts** game or other wild animals for food or in sport.

Unharmd: physical injury or mental damage; hurt

Chief: the head or leader of an organized body of people; the person highest in authority

Team: a number of persons forming one of the sides in a game or contest: a football team.

Darkness: 1) the state or quality of being dark; 2) absence or deficiency of light; 3) The darkness of night. 4) wickedness or evil

3.2 From the words written under the text, form words that best suit the context for each gap.

They lay there 1....., at first with doubt but then with terror to the description the twins breathed at them between bouts of extreme silence.

Soon the 2....was full of claws, full of the awful unknown and menace. An interminable dawn faded the stars out, and at last light, sad and

grey, filtered into the shelter. They began to stir though still the world outside the shelter was 3.....dangerous. The maze of the darkness

sorted into near and far, and at the highpoint of the sky the 4.....were warmed with color. A single sea bird flapped upwards with a hoarse cry

that was echoed presently, and something squawked in the forest. Now streaks of cloud near the horizon 5.....to glow rosily, and the

6.....tops of the palms were green.

LISTEN

DARK

POSSIBLE

CLOUD

BEGIN

FEATHER

LISTENING, DARKNESS, IMPOSSIBLY, CLOUDLETS, BEGAN, FEATHERY

# Chapter 7-Shadows and Tall Trees

**Activity 1. Read the text and identify what the sea represents for Ralph. Identify the words that makes Ralph feel in this way. What are the words that Simon uses to comfort him.**

"Wave after wave, Ralph followed the rise and fall until something of the remoteness of the sea numbed his brain. Then gradually the almost infinite size of this water forced itself on his attention. This was the divider, the barrier. On the other side of the island, swathed at midday with mirage, defended by the shield of the quiet lagoon, one might dream of rescue; but here, faced by the brute obtuseness of the ocean, the miles of division, one was clamped down, one was helpless, one was condemned, one was-Simon was speaking almost in his ear. Ralph found that he had rock painfully gripped in both hands, found his body arched, the muscles of his neck stiff, his mouth strained open.

"You'll get back to where you came from."

Simon nodded as he spoke. He was kneeling on one knee, looking down from a higher rock which he held with both hands; his other leg stretched down to Ralph's level.

Ralph was puzzled and searched Simon's face for a clue.

"It's so big, I mean--"

Simon nodded.

"All the same. You'll get back all right. I think so, anyway."

1.4 Is Ralph behaving like a leader in this selected text? Support your answer with evidence from the text.

1.5 The teacher says that in this paragraph, we can see Ralph's vulnerable side, he is the leader and he opens up to Simon when he tells him how he logs his home. Based on this text, answer the questions:

Do you think that a leader can show that he is vulnerable? Does this mean that he is a bad leader? Why?

Do you think Simon chose correctly to support Ralph? What would you do if you were in Simon's place?

**Activity 2. Personal Experience.**


2.1 Pair Work. The students' task is to express their opinions on the given sentences and explain why these things happen.

"By now, Ralph had no self-consciousness in public thinking but would treat the day's decisions as though he were playing chess. The only trouble was that he would never be a very good chess player."

"Ralph looked at the sun critically. "Early evening. After tea-time, at any rate."

"We can't leave the littluns alone with Piggy. Not all night." The other boys said nothing but stood round, watching him. "





**Activity 3. Imagine you were in Ralph's place. Do you think that being on that island can affect your mental health? Give examples to sustain your answers.**

**Activity 4.**

4.1 Pair Work. One of you is the reporter and the other partner needs to give true answers.

Have you or has one of your acquaintances ever....

Been a victim of an accident?

Experienced something traumatising?

Explain what has happened and how the person coped with the respective situation.

4.2 How would have you reacted if this had been about you?

**Activity 5. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that best fits in the gap in each line.**

The bushes crashed ahead of them. Boys flung themselves 1.....(wild) from the pig track and scabbled in the creepers, 2. ....(scream). Ralph saw Jack nudged aside and fall.

Then there was a creature bounding along the pig track toward him, with tusks gleaming and an 3. ....(to intimidate) grunt. Ralph found he was able to measure the distance coldly and take aim. With the boar only five yards away, he flung the foolish wooden stick that he carried, 4. ....(see) it hit the great snout and hang there for a moment.

The boar's note changed to a squeal and it swerved aside into the covert. The pig-run filled with shouting boys again, Jack came 5. ....(run) back, and poked about in the undergrowth

Answers: Wildly; Screaming; Intimidating; Saw; Running

# Chapter 8. Gift for the Darkness

I should start by saying that Lord of the Flies was an amazing book, Chapter 8 being one of my favorites. The key element is the allegory, a fable in which the characters are symbols for abstract ideas. The main themes in the book are POWER, the novel exploring the struggle for power and control that ensues after the boys form a new society and the HUMAN NATURE, the constant tension between civilisation and power providing insights into the darker side of human nature.

## **Activity 1. Warm up. Let's start with an imagination exercise:**

1.1 Let's say that you are forced to go on a deserted island. What would you take? (Please, select only 4 items). The students write down their answers.

1.2 Group Work. Select from the items that have been mentioned, four items that seem the most important for your survival.

1.2 Each team elects a spokesperson to negotiate with the other groups about the most important to be chosen at class level.

Activity 2. The students are asked questions about the symbols that the author used.

At symbolic level the book investigates what happens to civilised people when the structures of civilisation disappear.

1. What do you think the conch symbolise?

The conch represents the order.

2. What about the Fire?

The fire symbolises hope.

3. With which Bible character do you associate Simon?

Simon is Jesus under another form.

## **Activity 3. In pairs, the students answer a 'True or False' exercise**

Ralph kicked out Jack from his tribe                    A    F

The beast lives in the sea                                    A    F

They built another fire on the mountain                A    F

Jack died at the end of the chapter                      A    F

Jack calls a meeting on the beach                        A    F

#### Activity 4 Understanding how the character would act or react.

Which character do you think believes/ says/ did or does the following.

1. Back on the beach, ... can't believe the beast is real.
  2. ... says his hunters could kill the beast.
  3. ... suggests they climb the mountain. ... considers the suggestion insane.
  4. ... has wandered alone into the forest. He enters a secret glade and sits there in the sun. Though he gets thirstier and thirstier, he continues to sit.
  5. ... emerges from the forest into ...'s camp. As his followers steal fire from the signal fire, he invites Ralph's group to come to his feast, then disappears.
1. Piggy; 2. Jack; 3. Simon/Piggy; 4. Simon; 5. Jack, Ralph

#### Activity 5. Comprehension questions. The students answer the following questions in groups and then compare their answers.

1) What gift does Jack offer to help pacify the Beast?

Possible answer: Jack offers the sow's head, him and his hunters had killed.

2) What is "The Lord of the Flies?"

The answer: A pig's head on a stick.

3) What does Piggy suggest they do, since they can't return to the mountain to build a fire?

The answer: Piggy suggests that since they cannot have a fire on the mountain they should have it on the beach.

4) How does Jack respond when Ralph calls his hunters "boys armed with sticks?"

Possible answer: In "Lord of the Flies" when Ralph calls Jack's hunters "boys armed with sticks" Jack is offended and returns to his friends to twist Ralph's words, claiming that he called the hunters cowards. Jack also believes Ralph is not a proper chief.

5) What do you think Ralph and Jack represent?

6) Why do some boys follow either Ralph or Jack?

7) Which one would you personally follow? Why?

## Activity 6.

6.1 The students do the quiz and then compares the answers with the partner.

<b>Whom would you choose to..</b>	Ralph	Simon	Jack	Piggy
Be your best friend?				
Spend an entire day with?				
Keep a secret?				
Help you with your homework?				
Kick out of the group?				
Cheer you up when you're down?				
Adopt into your family?				

6) Why do some boys followed either Ralph or Jack?

7) Which one would you personally follow? Why?

8) Are you a leader or a follower?





## Activity 6.

6.1 The students do the quiz and then compares the answers with the partner.

6.2 The students justify their answers with evidence from the novel

6.3. The students match the two columns and talk about why they have chosen in this way.

Glasses	Jack
Sow	Ralph
Conch	Piggy
Hunt	Lord of the Flies

6.4 The students are given a multiple choice exercise and justifies their choices orally.

Jack decides that ... wasn't a proper chief.

a. Roger      b. Ralph      c. Piggy

Lord of the Flies was...

a. Sam      b. the sow      c. a snake

They built a fire ...

a. on the mountain      b. in the jungle      c. on the beach

Every "biggun" left Ralph's group except ...

a. Piggy, Roger, Sam and Eric


b. Simon, Roger, Bill

c. Simon, Piggy, Sam and Eric

**Activity 7. The students will write a short composition (100 words) about the dialogue between Simon and the beast.**

Activity 8. Role play. Characters: Ralph and Jack

Pretend that one of you is Jack, who tries to be the chief, fighting Ralph. What will you do? Why?



**Activity 9. Read the following text and answer the following questions.**

"You are a silly little boy," said the Lord of the Flies, "just an ignorant, silly little boy." Simon moved his swollen tongue but said nothing. "Don't you agree?" said the Lord of the Flies. "Aren't you just a silly little boy?" Simon answered him in the same silent voice. "Well then," said the Lord of the Flies, "you'd better run off and play with the others. They think you're batty. You don't want Ralph to think you're batty, do you? You like Ralph a lot, don't you? And Piggy, and Jack?" Simon's head was tilted slightly up. His eyes could not break away and the Lord of the Flies hung in space before him. "What are you doing out here all alone? Aren't you afraid of me?" Simon shook. "There isn't anyone to help you. Only me. And I'm the Beast." Simon's mouth labored, brought forth audible words. "Pig's head on a stick." "Fancy thinking the Beast was something you could hunt and kill!" said the head. For a moment or two the forest and all the other dimly appreciated places echoed with the parody of laughter. "You knew, didn't you? I'm part of you? Close, close, close! I'm the reason why it's no go? Why things are what they are?" The laughter shivered again. "Come now," said the Lord of the Flies. "Get back to the others and we'll forget the whole thing." Simon's head wobbled. His eyes were half closed as though he were imitating the obscene thing on the stick. He knew that one of his times was coming on. The Lord of the Flies was expanding like a balloon. "This is ridiculous. You know perfectly well you'll only meet me down there--so don't try to escape!" Simon's body was arched and stiff. The Lord of the Flies spoke in the voice of a schoolmaster. "This has gone quite far enough. My poor, misguided child, do you think you know better than I do?" There was a pause. "I'm warning you. I'm going to get angry. D'you see? You're not wanted. Understand? We are going to have fun on this island. Understand? We are going to have fun on this island! So don't try it on, my poor misguided boy, or else--" Simon found he was looking into a vast mouth. There was blackness within, a blackness that spread. "--Or else," said the Lord of the Flies, "we shall do you? See? Jack and Roger and Maurice and Robert and Bill and Piggy and Ralph. Do you. See?" Simon was inside the mouth. He fell down and lost consciousness.

9.1 What do you think about the dialogue?

Speak about it 1-2 minutes.

9.2 Do you consider it disturbing or inspiring? Why?

9.3 Why do you think the author chose Simon for this task?

9.4 Interpret the text at metaphorical level.

# Chapter 9-Lord of the Flies

**Activity 1.**The students have had as a task to read this chapter and answer the following questions. They read out what they have answered and exchange opinions. They justify their answers with arguments from the text.

**What are the main central themes approached in the novel, coming out of the chapter 9?**

Possible answers:

- the relation between good and bad converted into a real analysis of the individual psychology to the collective one by the tendency of human nature to revert violently to the instincts when has to face certain conditions
- the conflict between civilization and savagery in the conflict
- the instinct of savagery is far more primal and fundamental to the human psyche than the instinct of civilization
- loss of innocence

What is the main idea from the chapter?

Possible answer: As it can be clearly emerged, CHAPTER 9 is critical to reveal the CENTRAL THEME associated with the idea of innate human evil which finds expression in several important symbols, most notably the beast and the sow's head on the stake.

What is the main character of this chapter? Write down a characterization and make sure you make reference to his portrayal by giving examples from the text.

Possible answer: The protagonist from chapter 9 is Simon, who embodies a kind of innate, spiritual human goodness that is deeply connected with nature and, in its own way, as primal as Jack's evil. Unlike all the other boys on the island, Simon acts morally not out of guilt or shame but because he believes in the inherent value of morality. He behaves kindly toward the younger children, and he is the first to realize the problem posed by the beast and the Lord of the Flies—that is, that the monster on the island is not a real, physical beast but rather a savagery that lurks within each human being.



## Activity 2.

2.1 There is given the following text. Answer the following questions.

“Simon was crying out something about a dead man on a hill... The sticks fell and the mouth of the new circle crunched and screamed. The beast was on its knees in the center, its arms folded over its face. It was crying out against the abominable noise, something about a body on the hill... At once the crowd surged after it, poured down the rock, leapt on to the beast, screamed, struck, bit, tore” – scene narrative-descriptive that depicts the fundamental moral feature assigned to Simon( power of wisdom) in order to shatter the psychological involuntary misconceptions of an existent beast, yet his attempts of explanation to the boys the “ secret” he has just found out, were all turned out into ashes.

-What artistic process can you recognize? Give some examples to support your argument.

Possible answer: ALLEGORY highly sustained by the use of some “masks” in possession of fictive characters who represent important ideas or themes and also embody some little boys appearance, but lacked by any form of human values, so as to hide the real human beings moral disadvantages, utilized by the narrator on a satirical, preachy purpose. In addition, symbols are frequently used and the most salient is the imaginary beast that frightens all the boys stands for the primal instinct of savagery that exists within all human beings. The boys are afraid of the beast, but only Simon reaches the realization that they fear the beast because it exists within each of them. As the boys grow more savage, their belief in the beast grows stronger. By the end of the novel, the boys are leaving it sacrifices and treating it as a totemic god. The boys’ behavior is what brings the beast into existence, so the more savagely the boys act, the more real the beast seems to become.



# Chapter 11. Castle Rock

Activity 1. Read the following excerpt from chapter 11 and in pairs, answer the question.

"You'll get hurt.

'What can he do more than he has? I'll tell him what's what. You let me carry the conch, Ralph. I'll show him the one thing he hasn't got.'

1.1 In about 30 words, explain the meaning behind this dialogue

It is foreshadowing. The conversation between the two is supposed to be an ironic comment meant to suggest that something worse could happen, that 'something' being, of course, Piggy's murder by Roger.

1.2 What would you do if somebody told you 'I'll tell him what's what'

- a. at school
- b. within your group of acquaintances
- c. at home
- d. in a similar situation that the boys in the novel have

Activity 2. Read the text and in pairs do the asks.

"In the short chill of dawn the four boys gathered round the black smudge where the fire had been, while Ralph knelt and blew. Grey, feather yashes scurried hither and thither at his breath but no spark shone among them. The twins watched anxiously and Piggy sat expressionless behind the luminous wall of his myopia. Ralph continued to blow till his ears were singing with the effort, but then the first breeze of dawn took the job off his hands and blinded him with ashes. He squatted back, swore, and rubbed water out of his eyes."

2.1 Find synonyms for the following words found in the given paragraph :  
anxiously, expressionless, dawn, smudge, luminous

anxiously- tensely

expressionless- empty

dawn- morning

smudge- dirt smear

luminous- transparent

2.2. Put the following events in the right order

- a) Piggy is killed by a massive boulder
- b) Ralph tries to separate Jack's savage side from him by blowing the shell
- c) Ralph runs away
- d) Sam and Eric are forced to join Jack's camp

### Activity3. Read the following lines from the text and answer.

'Jack glanced back at Ralph and then at the twins.

"Grab them!" , he shouted '

3.1 Would you have joined Jack's camp or would you have stayed by Ralph's side? Explain why.

Possible answer: Most of you probably think staying with Ralph is the rational decision, but you aren't taking in consideration the fact that making this decision puts you at the risk of having the same faith as Simon. Of course, this only counts if you had a choice, since the twins were forced to do it.

3.2 "Don't you understand, you painted fools?"

What's the meaning behind the boys' paint?

Possible answer: The paint turns out to be more than camouflage. It doesn't just make Jack look like something else (say, part of the forest); it actually makes him into something else. It makes him into a savage—and then the chief. When his face is finished, "the mask was a thing of its own, behind which Jack hid, liberated from shame and self-consciousness". With the paint on his face, Jack isn't choir-leader Jack anymore; he's a savage ready to be chief and the other boys, his minions

3.3 "I just take the conch to say this. I can't see no more and I got to get my glasses back. Awful things has been done on this island. I voted for you for chief.'

What does the conch symbolize?

Possible answer: The conch symbolizes leadership and civilization throughout the story. In the beginning, Ralph uses it as an extension of his power. Its destruction coinciding with Piggy's death, represents the end of abstract authority and rational thought on the island, and the end of the moral authority and social standards that the boys had.

## Activity 4. Explain.

### 4.1 What's the significance of Piggy's glasses?

Possible answer: Piggy's glasses are significant to the boys as they are the means with which the boys are able to get a fire started. Symbolically, the glasses are significant because they represent the intellectual and ordered side of humanity. The breaking of the glasses, just like the destruction of the conch, represents one of the breakings of the last tie to humanity that the boys have. After this event, it is a downward spiral into primal and animalistic behavior.

### 4.2. Explain the contrast between Jack and Ralph

Possible answer: Ralph really represents responsible leadership. He organises assemblies, creates rules, devises a democratic process...Ralph quickly matures on the island. He becomes a 12 year old with a conscience. It is interesting to watch Ralph muse about responsibility and leadership in the later chapters. Unfortunately most of the boys are not looking for a responsible leader. The boys want to be told what to do; they want to have "fun" and they are easily manipulated. Ralph tries hard to establish some kind of working order. He truly is respectful of most of the boys. To be fair to Ralph, he spent most of the time trying to prevent Jack from turning their island into a living hell. As stated before, most of the boys did not want to invest energy into Ralph's ideas (like shelters or signal fire). Ralph is not forceful by nature and could not manipulate like Jack could. Although Ralph is a good leader, Jack is more effective. Jack is naturally aggressive. Early in the book we see this through his repeated stabbings of trees. Later he learns to channel his aggression through rather clever manipulation. He learns to give and withhold when it benefits him (the giving of meat to Ralph). Jack learns that ruling by fear is much more effective than leading through consensus.

## Chapter 12. Cry of the Hunters

### Activity 1. Read the text and answer:

"Ralph lay in a covert, wondering about his wounds. The bruised flesh was inches in diameter over his right ribs, with a swollen and bloody scar where the spear had hit him. His hair was full of dirt and tapped like the tendrils of a creeper. All over he was scratched and bruised from his flight through the forest. By the time his breathing was normal again, he had worked out that bathing these injuries would have to wait. How could you listen for naked feet if you were splashing in water? How could you be safe by the little stream or on the open beach?"

1.1. In 20-30 words, explain the meaning of the phrase "How could you be safe by the little stream or on the open beach?"

Possible answer: From this phrase we learn the fact that ironically, Ralph himself has become the prey, while Jack and everyone else are the hunters.

1.2. "The afternoon died away; the circular spots of sunlight moved steadily over green fronds and brown fiber but no sound came from behind the rock. At last Ralph wormed out of the ferns and sneaked forward to the edge of that impenetrable thicket that fronted the neck of land."

Find synonyms for the following words found in the given paragraph: circular, frond, fern, sneak, impenetrable

circular-round

frond-petal

fern- thicket

sneak-creep

impenetrable- impassable

### Activity 2. Put the following events in the right order

- a) Ralph is saved in the last moment-4
- b) Ralph destroys the Lord of the Flies-1
- c) Jack burns down the island-2
- d) Ralph gives up-3



### Activity3.

3.1 Skim the text for the gist.

"Ralph nearly flung himself behind a tree when he saw something standing in the center; but then he saw that the white face was bone and that the pig's skull grinned at him from the top of a stick. He walked slowly into the middle of the clearing and looked steadily at the skull that gleamed as white as ever the conch had done and seemed to jeer at him cynically. An inquisitive ant was busy in one of the eye sockets but otherwise the thing was lifeless. Or was it?"

The skull regarded Ralph like one who knows all the answers and won't tell. A sick fear and rage swept him. Fiercely he hit out at the filthy thing in front of him that bobbed like a toy and came back, still grinning into his face, so that he lashed and cried out in loathing. He wrenched the quivering stick from the crack and held it as a spear between him and the white pieces."

3.2. What does the Lord of the Flies represent? (the pig head)

Possible answer: The Lord of the Flies" is another name for Beelzebub, or the devil. Thus, the pig's head with flies around it symbolically represents the force of evil that exists in all men. It symbolizes the savagery that the boys now exhibit outwardly.

3.3. Draw the parallels between the Lord of the Flies and the conch.

Possible answers: The Conch symbolizes a civilized society that regulates itself through democratic engagement while the head of the pig is the exact opposite of that. The destruction of both of those is supposed to be a clash between the two.

3.4 a. Read the text and solve the tasks.

'A naval officer stood on the sand, looking down at Ralph in wary astonishment. "Are there any adults--any grownups with you?"

Dumbly, Ralph shook his head. He turned a halfpace on the sand. A semicircle of little boys, their bodies streaked with colored clay, sharp sticks in their hands, were standing on the beach making no noise at all.

"Fun and games," said the officer.

The fire reached the coconut palms by the beach and swallowed them noisily. A flame, seemingly detached, swung like an acrobat and licked up the palm heads on the platform. The sky was black. The officer grinned cheerfully at Ralph.

"We saw your smoke. What have you been doing? Having a war or something?"

Ralph nodded.

The officer inspected the little scarecrow in front of him. The kid needed a bath, a haircut, a nose-wipe and a good deal of ointment.

"Nobody killed, I hope? Any dead bodies?"

"Only two. And they've gone."

The officer leaned down and looked closely at Ralph.

"Two? Killed?"

-What does the Naval Officer represent?

Possible answer: The Naval Officer represents the chance of rescue to the stranded boys. He surveys the war-painted and dirty children holding 'sharp sticks' but initially dismisses their activities as 'fun and games'. When Ralph explains about the two dead bodies, the officer begins to understand what has happened. The author's allegory of war is fully realised in this scene when the officer chastises the boys for their behaviour before eventually resting his eyes on 'the trim cruiser in the distance'. Of course, the Naval Officer is currently engaged in his own adult and very savage war.

3.4.b Find antonyms for the following words : war, dead, closely.

war-peace

dead-alive

closely-afar

#### Activity 4. In about 100 words, create a continuation for the story after the boys have been rescued?

Possible answer: They sat in an idle silence, as the boat slowly chugged through the still blue ocean. Ralph glared at his hands, covered in dirt and splinters. The crew members busied themselves with all kinds of things, without sparing but a glance for them. Jack looked around as if he had just been frightened, his hands quivering and his face even more pale than usual. Roger seemed unaffected by the situation, he waltzed about the deck pondering what shall happen to them. Ralph held his head in his hands, weeping for all that has happened but at the same time his relief consumed him, his life had been spared. The ship neared coastline, the waves slowly washing away the shore. The boys all felt worried of their future. Would they be safe? Their Innocence lost, hearts wilted they shambled across the bridge onto the deck. Ralph glanced at Jack, but Jack just bowed his head. After the death's of Simon, Piggy and the loss of the boy with the birth-mark across his face was confirmed, it was to be held in court who was responsible. Jack & Ralph had both been leaders, so they were both liable. However court was postponed until they had both reached the age of 18, so they may be trialed as adults.

The first method is called 'the cube method' and it is used to explore a topic from multiple perspectives. It offers a complex and integrative approach to the learning process through which the teacher helps the learners to divide the given the task into manageable parts so that they can do it from a certain perspective.

Steps:

Suggest the theme of the activity

Dividing the group of students into 6 groups

Providing students with explanations:

-the teacher will build a paper cube on which he / she will write requirements, using each of his / her six surfaces.

Explain !, Compare !, Associate !, Analyze !, Apply! and Arguments pros and cons!

Solution tasks:

-each of the six groups will treat the proposed theme from a certain perspective, as follows:

Group 1: Explain

Group 2: Compare

Group 3: Associate

Group 4: Analyse

Group 5: Apply

Group 6: Arguments- pros and cons

Presenting the theme from the perspective of that has been assigned.

Final discussions on the topic



## Aims:

Developing the students' analytic and argumentative skills;

Developing a global view of the issue;

Better understanding of the issue, taking into account the six perspectives that are aimed at;

Developing communicative skills

The students are divided into six groups. Each group gets a task for whose solving a time limit is given.

**1. Describe:** The shell, monster, Lord of the Flies, the ship as symbols

**2. Compare:** The children's organisation on the island - The organisation of the current society

Possible answer: The book can be regarded as a satire to George Orwell's "Animal Farm" form of social organization. Fortunately, in 'Lord of the Flies' the rescuers arrive, but these children have to pay an expensive price: the lost innocence that will never be regained. There is a critical view of the democratic society, which in these boys' circle is seen through stereotypes, revolt and aggression. The way these events unfold, on the deserted island, tells us of the absurd way in which people tend to behave when they are confronted with unexpected and difficult situations that influence their perspective of the world. It can be said that at symbolic level, the book is one of conflicts, where we can perceive the clashes between civilisation and wildness, love and hate, altruism and selfishness, order and chaos and last but not least, between law and anarchy, conflicts that will be solved at the end of the book, as all evil will be cleansed.

**Associate:** Dehumanisation and the consequences of the Second World War. How can the message of the novel be interpreted?

Possible answer: Step by step, the need of food and the urge to the hunt for food turn into the need of power and the seek power. In fact, this yearning for power and the people's sheer fear are factors that trigger changes in people even though they might be only children. The novel shows that innocence does not have any chances of survival if those involved struggle for power. Although the protagonists are only children and they are without any adults' supervision or guidance, they try to recreate a society, as the need of civilization is embedded in them through education, but in time, when the restrictions of the world they grew up in starts to fade from their memory and only the necessity of survival persists, their savage inner self tends to take control and out of this need, even children can concoct evil plans. So, the desire for power is not age-oriented, it is inherent in human nature.

The atrocities that the World War II made people experience represent at a larger scale what the ones without moral concepts can cause to the innocent ones, exactly like the clash between the two groups from the novel.



**4. Analyse:**

William Golding used the symbol of fire and played with it: Fire – reason; Fire –rescue; Fire – destruction. Explain how this symbol is indicated in the book.

**5. Apply:** Identify two elements of "dystopia" in the novel.

dystopia -an imaginary place where people lead dehumanized and often fearful lives. In the dystopian world, the social order which prevails is the negative one.

Possible answers:

Jack and Roger are representatives of what chaos means as they display a morbid behaviour and they are indicative of all the savagery in all the human beings, at the level of the basic instinct.

The hunters are the elements that are characteristic to dystopia as they display brutality, authority, dominance and selfishness in a world that could be the idyllic setting for creating a utopian society.

**6. Give arguments:** 'Is absolute freedom the road to paradise?'-pros and cons

These children experience absolute freedom, but this does not seem to be the best choice to build a better world. They have the necessity to be organized in order to survive, but this organization requires rules which automatically lead to power. Where there is power, there is a fight for it and in this way, people will be the ones who rule and the ones who are ruled, the strong and the weak.

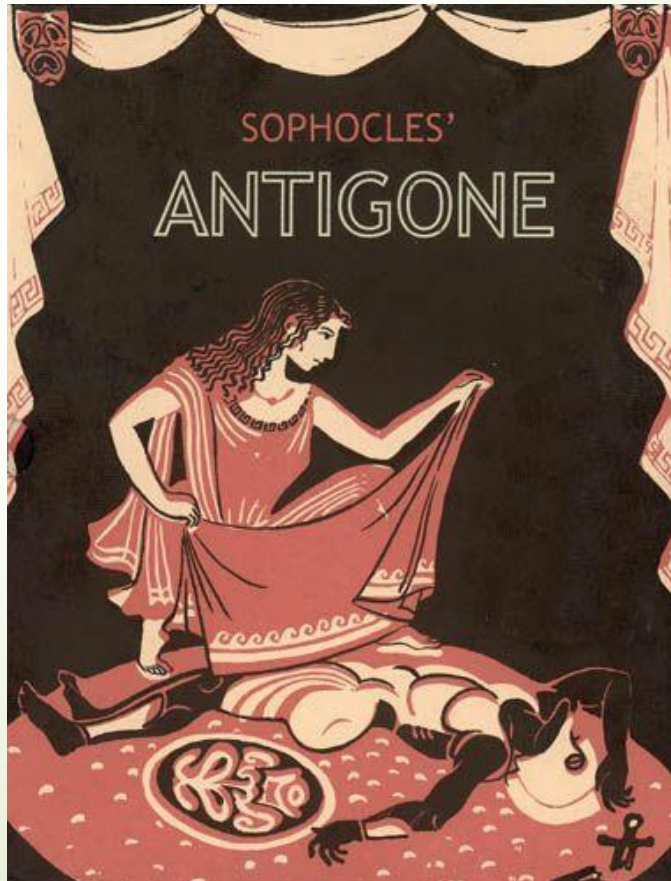
After the time spent in preparation for the task has passed, one representative from each of the six groups shows the result of his/her group and the listeners take notes. A debate activity will ensue on the topics that have been discussed.



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TEACHING AN ANCIENT GREEK TRAGEDY

ANTIGONE by SOPHOCLES





**1<sup>st</sup> teaching technique: Clear lesson goals:**

*If students know what are the goals for teaching this particular literature excerpt/book, they get “suspicious” of what to wait for, they try to find out where these meanings are hidden. This makes the whole effort more interesting*

*Why did we choose this book?*

*First of all, it’s one of the biggest value literature books ever written worldwide. Secondly, because it takes place in Thebes, the city we come from, the real place where the tragedy heroes lived in. If you visit our city, you can see the debris of Antigone’s tomb, Oedipus fountain and so on. Last but not least, because the play investigates more universal issues about humanity and has both ancient and modern aspects, a situation that presents unique opportunities and challenges for all readers.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> teaching technique:**

*SHOW AND TELL: **Telling** involves sharing information or knowledge with your students while **showing** involves modelling how to do something. In this case, showing can be done in an interesting and playful way. Mind maps are a very good idea for a “joyful” presentation.*

*First, students are given some general information about the historical background, the ancient theatre in Greece and the plot of this tragedy so as to help them understand. Then, you read all together the passage of the book and analyze it.*



## The historical background

The world we know as Ancient Greece is a diverse and complex place and has a long history ranging over millennia. 'Greece' comprised individual city-states (*polis*) which could band together in defense against a common enemy (as in the Persian Wars) or could be gathered together under the protection and power of another city-state (as with 'imperial' Athens). For the most part, though, city-states remained separate, often with their own cultural and political institutions. Ancient Greek people were diverse in several ways—for example, regional dialects of Greek were spoken and written—and inhabited different areas of the ancient Mediterranean. In addition to mainland Greece and the Peloponnese, Greeks lived throughout the Aegean, along the coast of Asia Minor (modern day Turkey), colonized throughout the western Mediterranean, and had contact with other major civilizations. Perhaps most familiar to modern students of antiquity are the Greek gods and goddesses and the many myths and stories that trace their interaction with the human world. Although no Greek gods appear as characters in the *Antigone*, they fill the back-stories of Thebes, and Greek religious practices are fundamental to the action of the play.

## The ancient Greek theatre

In Ancient Greece, the theatre was a very important aspect of society. Crowds of 15,000 people would gather to see a play. Theatre was so important to the ancient Greeks that prisoners would be released from jail temporarily so they could attend. Every town had at least one theatre.

The ancient Greeks held drama competitions with winners for playwriting and performing. These competitions were not only held in their own towns, but also in competition with other towns.

Large outdoor theatres were built on hillsides to accommodate the large number of people that attended. Theatres were built on hillsides because it allowed the audience to see what was going on in the orchestra pit - the stage area.

The entire seating section was called the Theatron, which is the origin of our word *theatre*. Part of the reason plays were so important is that originally plays were performed to honour the God Dionysus. However, over time, many different gods got in the act especially the 12 Olympians - the major gods of ancient Greece. The Greeks were always weaving the gods into their theatre stories. **Sophocles** was the most famous ancient Greek playwright. He wrote 120 plays. However, there were many Greek playwrights because plays were so popular.



## **Types of theatre plays**

There were three types of plays:

**Tragedies:** The first type they invented was the tragedy. In tragedies, one or more major characters always suffered a disastrous end.

**Comedies:** Comedies were invented next. In comedies, plays always had a happy end. The third type was the satire.

**Satires:** Satires were plays that made fun of mortal legends and of real people. In ancient Greece, you did not poke fun at the gods - not in a play, not in real life, not ever. But you could poke fun at your leaders. And that was uniquely Greek. Satires in ancient Greece were often political in nature, and could indeed affect people's opinions about current events.

### **Greek theatres**

Greek theatres were large and semi-circular, with rows of tiered seating.

The centre was circular with an altar dedicated to Dionysus.

The stage was raised within the circle – this shape made sure all the audience could see and helped amplify the sound.

Very important visitors would sit in the front seats.

### **The plays**

Women could attend the plays, but all the actors were men (even playing the parts of women!).

Some famous playwrights include: Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides (who wrote tragedies) and Aristophanes (who wrote comedies).

### **The audience**

The audience would throw food and a stone if they thought the acting wasn't good enough!

The actors wore masks, bright colours for comedies and dark colours for tragedies.

You could see if someone was happy or sad by the shape of their mask.

The masks were made from fabric, stiffened with plaster.

### **The basic traits of Greek Tragedies**

Late point of attack

Violence and death offstage

Frequent use of messengers to relate information

Stories based on myth or history, but varied interpretations of events

Usually continuous time of action

Usually single place

Focus on psychological /ethical attributes of characters, rather than physical and sociological.

The protagonist commits terrible crime, he is foolish and arrogant and when he realizes his error the world crumbles around him

The topics of Greek tragedies are Love, loss, pride, abuse of power and fraught relationships between men and gods.





## The Structure of Greek Tragedy

**Prologue**, which described the situation and set the scene

**Parados**, an ode sung by the chorus as it made its entrance

Five dramatic scenes, each followed by a Komos, an exchange of laments by the chorus and the protagonist

### **Exodus, the climax and conclusion**

Tragedies were often presented in trilogies. Interspersed between the three plays in the trilogy were satyr plays, in which satyrs (men dressed as half-goats) made fun of the characters in the surrounding tragedies.

### **Tragic flaw**

a flaw or mistake that brings about the downfall of the hero of a tragedy

The Greek term "harmartia," typically translated as "tragic flaw," actually is closer in meaning to a "mistake" or an "error," "failing," rather than an innate flaw.

The character's flaw must result from something that is also a central part of their virtue, which goes somewhat awry, usually due to a lack of knowledge.

### **The chorus**

Functions of the chorus

an agent: gives advice, asks, takes part

establishes ethical framework, sets up standard by which action will be judged

ideal spectator - reacts as playwright hopes audience would

sets mood and heightens dramatic effects

adds movement, spectacle, song, and dance

rhythmical function - pauses / paces the action so that the audience can reflect.

*In order to analyze the particular excerpt of the book, students should know the whole story of the book.*

## The story of the book

**Antigone** is a tragedy by Sophocles written in or before 441 BC.

Chronologically it is the third of the three Theban plays, but was the first written. The play expands on the Theban legend that predated it and picks up where Aeschylus' *Seven Against Thebes* ends.

*Antigone* picks up in the same place that *Oedipus at Colonus* leaves off. Oedipus has just passed away in Colonus, and Antigone and her sister decide to return to Thebes with the intention of helping their brothers, Eteocles and Polyneices, avoid a prophecy that predicts they will kill each other in a battle for the throne of Thebes.

But upon her arrival in Thebes, Antigone learns that both of her brothers are dead. Eteocles has been given a proper burial, but Creon, Antigone's uncle who has inherited the throne, has issued a royal edict banning the burial of Polyneices, who he believes was a traitor. Antigone defies the law, buries her brother, and is caught. When Creon locks her away in prison, she kills herself.


Meanwhile, not realizing Antigone has taken her own life, the blind prophet Teiresias, Creon's son and Antigone's fiancé Haemon, and the Chorus plead with Creon to release her. Creon finally relents, but in an instance of too-late-timing, finds her dead in her jail cell. Out of despair, Haemon and Creon's wife have by now also killed themselves, and Creon is left in distress and sorrow.

*The excerpt of the book to study is the introduction, verses 1-99. You read it aloud and then, try to find out the different universal meanings hidden behind the words. But before that, it is necessary to know a few things about the women's' status in ancient Athens of 5<sup>th</sup> century so as to be able to understand Antigone's reaction and decision to bury her brother against the king's orders.*

**Athenian citizen women** were kept sheltered, and nearly every aspect of their lives was controlled by male guardians (e.g. her husband or father); however, women were very important to the health of the oikos (the family, the household, and all its goods) and of the polis, primarily through their ability to create legitimate children and heirs. The normative roles for females, then, involved supporting the strength of the oikos (via dowries –bride's money, good- and producing heirs) and participation in certain religious rituals, including the funeral. Antigone's motives and values in this play are driven by these female roles that are focused on the oikos and on ritual.

The culmination of a young woman's socialization was her marriage which usually took place at the age of fourteen or fifteen. Marriage did not require a young bride's consent, as she was simply passed from the protection of her father to that of her husband. A young woman in Classical Athens lacked any rights of citizenship, and could only be described as the wife of an Athenian citizen. However, a bride brought to her marriage a dowry that was not available for the husband to spend. In fact, on the rare occasion that the marriage failed, the dowry was returned to the wife's father. The consummation of marriage signaled the end of a young woman's status as a *kore*, or young maiden, as she was then classified as a *nymphe*, or bride, until the birth of her first child, when she became a gyne, or woman. The life expectancy of the average woman was about forty years old.

*So as to understand the story, it is also important to know about the **burial rituals** at the time.*



The Greeks believed that at the moment of death, the «psyche», or spirit of the dead, left the body as a little breath. The deceased was then prepared for burial according to the time-honored rituals. Ancient literary sources emphasize the necessity of a proper burial and refer to the omission of burial rites as an insult to human dignity. Relatives of the deceased, primarily women, conducted the elaborate burial rituals that were customarily of three parts: the «prothesis» (laying out of the body, the «ekphora» (funeral procession), and the interment of the body or cremated remains of the deceased. After being washed and anointed with oil, the body was dressed and placed on a high bed within the house. During the «prothesis», relatives and friends came to mourn and pay their respects. Following the prothesis, the deceased was brought to the cemetery in a procession, the «ekphora», which usually took place just before dawn. Very few objects were actually placed in the grave, but monumental earth mounds, rectangular built tombs, and elaborate marble «stelai» and statues were often erected to mark the grave and to ensure that the deceased would not be forgotten.

**What is the objective of our lesson?**

*Introduce Antigone as a character in the play, as well as the many cultural factors that influence her decisions and internal makeup.*

*You read aloud the 99 verses of the play to understand the story and then analyze the meanings that stem from it.*

**3<sup>rd</sup> teaching technique: Socratic Method:**

For the analyses of the play we will follow the Socratic Method, a Greek philosopher's dialectic method of inquiry. To solve a problem, it would be broken down into a series of questions, the answers to which gradually distill the answer a person would seek.

**4<sup>th</sup> technique: Questioning to check understanding:**

students are asked to find out in the text the answers to your questions and thus, following the Socratic method, to find answers, on their own, to these questions.



**1<sup>st</sup> question: When and where does this scene take place?**

The scene takes place at the royal house of Thebes. It is still night, and the invading armies of Argos have just been driven from the city. Fighting on opposite sides, the sons of Oedipus, Eteocles and Polynices, have killed each other in combat. Their uncle, CREON, is now king of Thebes. Enter ANTIGONE, slipping through the central doors of the palace. She motions to her sister, ISMENE, who follows her cautiously toward an altar at the center of the stage.

**2<sup>nd</sup> question: Which persons are present in the Introduction (Prologue) of this drama play and what is the relationship among them?**

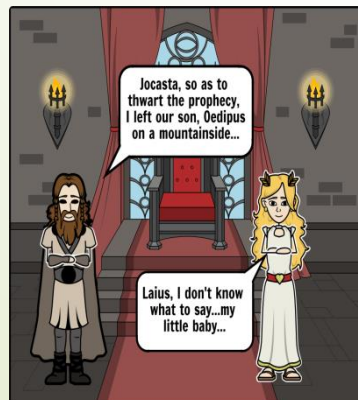
**ANTIGONE** daughter of Oedipus and Jocasta

**ISMENE** sister of Antigone

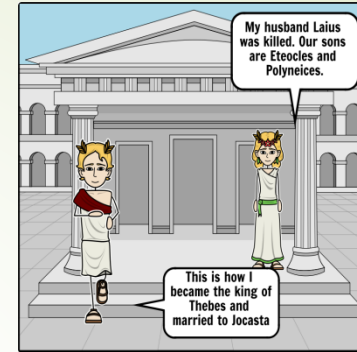
**3<sup>rd</sup> question: Which elements of their family's tragedy are revealed through the text?**

The info we get is that Ismene and Antigone's both brothers, Eteocles and Polynices have been killed during their duel. However, this family has a more tragic fate. So students must know it and understand the tragic state of Antigone and Ismene.

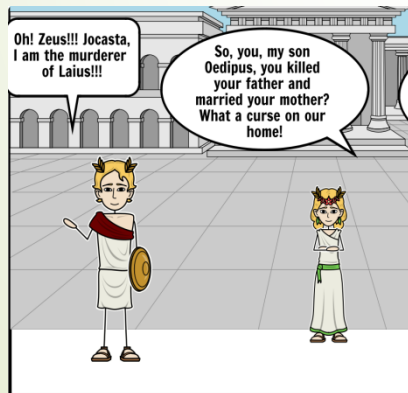
*At this point, students can create the story of the family in a "playful" way, through comic strips. Storyboard is a nice tool to present a story through pictures so as to make it less boring. It attracts students' attention. Of course, students are those who have to prepare it. You give them the information and they choose how to do it. Students are always innovative when it comes to informatics and technology!*



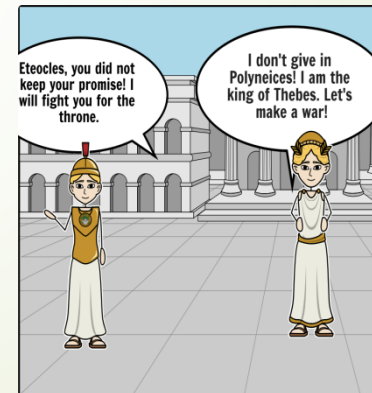




Oedipus, to end a plague on Thebes, searched to find who had killed Laius and found out it was him, his own son!



Jocasta, upon realizing she had married her own son and her husband's murderer, she hanged herself while Oedipus blinded himself with the pins of her dress.



At the end of their battle, both brothers were killed. The new king of Thebes, Creon, buried Eteocles but not Polyneices whom he considered as a traitor

*And here is the story of the family to be given to students in order to create the comic strip.*

In the most well-known version of the myth, Oedipus was born to King Laius and Queen Jocasta. Laius wished to thwart a prophecy, so he left Oedipus to die on a mountainside. However, the baby was found by shepherds and raised by King Polybus and Queen Merope as their own. Oedipus learned from the oracle at Delphi of the prophecy that he would end up killing his father and marrying his mother but, unaware of his true parentage, believed he was fated to murder Polybus and marry Merope, so left for Thebes. On his way he met an older man and quarreled, and Oedipus killed the stranger. Continuing on to Thebes, he found that the king of the city (Laius) had been recently killed, and that the city was at the mercy of the Sphinx. Oedipus answered the monster's riddle correctly, defeating it and winning the throne of the dead king – and the hand in marriage of the king's widow, and (unbeknownst to him) his mother Jocasta.

Years later, to end a plague on Thebes, Oedipus searched to find who had killed Laius, and discovered that he himself was responsible. Jocasta, upon realizing that she had married both her own son and her husband's murderer, hanged herself. Oedipus then seized two pins from her dress and blinded himself with them.

Oedipus' two sons, Eteocles and Polynices, arranged to share the kingdom, each taking an alternating one-year reign. However, Eteocles refused to cede his throne after his year as king. Polynices brought in an army to oust Eteocles from his position and a battle ensued. At the end of the battle the brothers killed each other after which Jocasta's brother, Creon, took the throne. He decided that Polynices was a "traitor," and should not be given burial rites. Defying this edict, Antigone attempted to bury her brother. In Sophocles' *Antigone*, Creon had her buried in a rock cavern for defying him, whereupon she hanged herself.

*Continuing, you go on with the questions to understand the problem and the way the heroes face it.*

4th question: What is the problem?

Creon, the current king of Thebes, after both Eteocles and Polynices death, forbids anyone to bury Polynices as a traitor. Moreover, who disobeys, will die by stoning inside the city walls.

So as to scrutinize the text, along with the questions you give students the verses to look for the answers. So you don't waste time.

Facing the problem

5th question: What is Antigone's suggestion to Ismene for solving the problem? (verses 50-56)

She suggests Ismene to help her bury the body of their brother Polynices despite the martial law of the king who forbids such and act.

6th question: What is Ismene's reaction and what are her arguments to support her opinion? (verses 60-80)

Ismene is afraid of violating the law.

- She follows the voice of logic: not to obey the law, not to suffer a dishonorable death
- she is aware of her position as a woman in the city who has no right to disobey to men
- She is aware of her position as an underling who has no right to disobey to the king
- She does not want to be extreme
- She accepts her fate; she believes she is forced to act like that.
- She does not have the moral strength to do such an illegal act (verse 93)

Now, you can go on with a deeper analysis of the excerpt so that students find out the moral issues treated in this excerpt (and book).

### Moral issues

7<sup>th</sup> question: Antigone – despite her sister's efforts – refuses to resile from her decision to bury the corpse of her brother Polynices. According to her argumentation, find the principles on which she founds her decision on.

Antigone is a character who seems to act more like a Heroic hero than the typical Athenian elite female. Antigone displays offense at Creon's order. She will risk her life to honor her brother, a loyalty connected through blood. First and foremost, she takes it as a personal rebuke against herself. But she also sees the civil order as forbidding her participation in a rite reserved for women, thus denying her fundamental role in society. Antigone's anger and determination, though, does not ignite her sister to rebellion. Passive and resigned, Ismene sees her own womanhood as relative weakness. As women and subjects, Ismene demurs, there is nothing they can do. In rejecting Ismene's passive obedience to the state, Antigone responds to a higher, religious law, a power that overrules even Creon's authority, because leaving the dead unburied — for any reason — offends the gods. To her sister, Antigone makes her declaration that she will obey the gods before the state at whatever cost, even her own life. Antigone will deliver the same passionate, strident speech throughout the drama, unmoved by either pleadings or threats. In her defiance and her disregard for her own life, Antigone declares her love for the dead, and even, it seems, her love for death itself.

8<sup>th</sup> question: On the other hand, Ismene has a different view. Based on her arguments, find out the principles and opinions about women's status in ancient Greece as well as a citizen's obligations.

**Antigone** takes the side of loyalty and emotion while **Ismene** takes the side of reason and authority. Ismene references the 'public good,' reminding Antigone that laws are created for good reason. Again, the divide between reason and emotion grows. Ismene's ignorance of Antigone's devotion to their brother increases as she says she will keep this secret for her. In turn, Antigone's anger increases; she wants people to know her true character and that of her sister's as well. Ismene can't understand why anyone would want to break the law and openly tell people about this crime. But after this encounter, Ismene begins to reflect on Antigone's brazen behavior when the thought of losing her sister becomes a reality after Antigone buries Polynices' body. After the sisters' first conversation, we don't hear from Ismene again until the King orders her into custody, thinking Ismene must know of Antigone's plan. It is during this time that Ismene has a change of heart. When she is brought in front of the King, she wishes to be charged with the crime, a crime she wanted no part of the day before. Ismene states she now understands what Antigone meant by honoring her brother, a truth she seemed to comprehend only at the thought of her sister's death. Ismene pleads that she does not want to live without Antigone, showing compassion and loyalty to her sister, but the question of Ismene's integrity arises from the timing of her confession.



9<sup>th</sup> question: Creon – the new king of the city - although he is not present, he is mentioned in the text. He is the one who ordered that Polynices stays unburied and ordered as a punishment for whom might disobey him the public flagellation(stoning to death). On which ideal does he base his decision? Do you justify it or not and why?

The powerfully built King Creon is a weary, wrinkled man suffering the burdens of rule. Before the deaths of Oedipus and his sons, he dedicated himself to art patronage but has now surrendered himself entirely to the throne. A practical man, he firmly distances himself from the tragic aspirations of Oedipus and his line. As he tells Antigone, his only interest is in political and social order. Creon is bound to ideas of good sense, simplicity, and the banal happiness of everyday life. Uninterested in playing the villain in his niece's tragedy, Creon has no desire to sentence Antigone to death. Antigone is far more useful to Thebes as mother to its heir than as its martyr, and he orders her crime covered-up. Though fond of Antigone, Creon will have no choice but to execute her. As the recalcitrant Antigone makes clear, by saying "yes" to state power, Creon has committed himself to acts he finds loathsome if the order of the state demands it. Antigone's insistence on her desire in face of state power brings ruin into Thebes and to Creon specifically. With the death of his family, Creon is left utterly alone in the palace. His throne even robs him of his mourning, the king and his pace sadly shutting off to a cabinet meeting after the announcement of the family's deaths.

*Coming to the end of the analysis of the excerpt, students have to comment on the characters of the play. They summarize all the information given and keep only the traits of the characters.*

### **The heroes' characters**

10<sup>th</sup> question: Who could give the basic traits of the tragic heroine Antigone?

#### **ANTIGONE**

Antigone is a **strong** person, or someone who is confident and strong-willed.

Antigone is outspoken, passionate, and confident. Even though her brother was just retaliating for being banished, she knows the right thing to do is give him a proper burial, honoring his life, their culture, and the gods. She looks past Polyneices's flaws and puts his soul to rest.

She sees the problems arising from power running rampant in her city and ignores the politics surrounding the brotherly battle.


11th question: Who can understand Ismene? What is her character that justifies her reaction?

#### **ISMENE**

Antigone's last surviving sibling, Ismene is the foil for her stronger sister. In comparison to Antigone she has almost no agency, primarily because she is utterly terrified of disobeying men in power. She does not believe that women should ever violate the laws of men, since they are stronger and deserve subservience. Ismene does not help to bury Polyneices, but tries to claim responsibility for the burial later so that she can die with Antigone. Antigone refuses her help and Ismene is spared. This reflects both her great love for her family and her place as a symbol of the status quo who is rewarded for remembering her place.

12th question: Creon, the power, the king of the city, can he be justified for his decision? What traits do you find in him?





The ruler of Thebes in the wake of war, Creon cherishes order and loyalty above all else. He cannot bear to be defied any more than he can bear to watch the laws of the state defied. He has Polyneices' body defiled while Eteocles is honored because he feels that he cannot give equal share to both brothers when one was a traitor and the other was loyal. He does not recognize that other forms of justice exist, and in his pride he condemns Antigone, defies the gods, and brings ruin on himself.

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> teaching techniques: Plenty of Practice & Provide Feedback: A quiz on the studied excerpt is the best way to check students' understanding and at the same time provide feedback in case they haven't clearly understood something. *Kahoot* is a nice tool to make quizzes and students really enjoy playing quizzes.

7<sup>th</sup> teaching technique: Get students working together: There are many different ways to make students work together. We have already done it when preparing the tragic story of the family with the comic strips. After the completion of the excerpts' teaching, the best way to check the students' understanding, provide feedback again, if necessary and make students work together, is to organize a **debate**. Students form groups according to the person of the play they support. They try to persuade the other groups about their person's decision to act like that. For example, one group supports Antigone, the other Ismene. So, a fruitful dialogue among the students begins and you can find out their understanding of the text as well as their personal ideas.

Another, very demanding but really lively and effective technique for learning and working together is the "Play role" technique: students learn the words of the heroes and present a play. This can be homework: students learn their roles and they present the play the next time.

Another technique is to show students a theatre play. In Greece, almost every year, we have ancient Greek tragedy plays on. Students will really enjoy to attend *Antigone* as a play if they know the story and have already analyzed it. If that is not possible, they could watch, at school, a filmed presentation of *Antigone*.

We found a BBC production of 1886.

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# Teaching the Class Novel

## *Suggested approaches*

### Before you begin reading:

- Prediction activities based on the cover/blurb/title.
- Picture stimulus for a discussion of key ideas/themes in the novel.
- Theme based scenario cards 'What would you do if?/What advice would you give?' based on key issues in the novel.

### During reading:

- Mind map to collect points on a key character/theme (more complex version of this for able pupils showing the links **between** characters/themes).
- Role on the wall for a key character (keep adding notes as the novel progresses).
- Flowchart of the plot (more complex version for multiple narratives).
- Tension graph - plot key events in the novel against a scale (could be decided by the pupils) that measures tension/fear/self esteem etc.
- Family tree.
- Hot seating of characters at important points in the novel.
- Glossary activity - collate words as a class and find the definitions (with a particular focus e.g. slang) keep on display during the unit on flipchart paper
- Role play/freeze frames of a key event (incorporating hot seating to reveal character's motivation/feelings).
- Rewriting an extract in a different form or from a different viewpoint.
- Reading journal.
- Sequencing - cut up a section of the text which pupils have to arrange in the correct order, focusing on the layout/structure of the text (paragraphs/connectives). Pupils give reasons why they chose that order.
- Close textual analysis - involves shared reading using an OHP/projector and teacher annotation. Pupils then carry out their own text marking activities using a highlighter or scanning for a particular focus e.g verbs.
- Cloze activities/reverse cloze activities.

### After you have finished reading the novel:

- Ripple chart of the impact of a key character
- 'You're the witness' style role play
- Quote search - provide quotes and pupils speculate who said it when and then find the answer
- Create a title for each chapter
- Summarize the plot/storyboard
- Casting the film of the novel
- Class debate - provide provocative statements about characters/events/themes



## **Generic starter/plenary activities:**

Many of the activities suggested during the novel can be used as starters or plenaries to reinforce or revisit learning. For example:

### **Mind Maps or Role on the Wall**

Add the theme we have learned today to your mind map using 5 key words  
Use your mind map to prepare 2 points on which characters are important to the theme .....

Prepare a post-it note to add to the role on the wall

### **Card Sort**

A set of the key characters and themes can be used in a variety of ways to introduce or recap learning, pupils can rank/sort the characters or themes in answer to a question or statement about the novel.

### **Statement and evidence/Quote search**

Provide pupils with a list of statements to sort into true or false or to rank. Pupils then have to find evidence in the novel to support their judgement. The same activity can be done with a list of quotes from the text.



# Lesson Plan

## Objectives

By the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

1. Read for scanning & guessing the meaning of difficult words and answer some questions on details of the chapter.
2. Act the scenes included in the chapter.

## Presentation

1. Write one or two questions on the board on the main points of the chapter at hand
2. Ask students to read silently and quickly the chapter to answer these questions and underline any difficult words.
3. After answering the pre-questions on the board, present the new vocabulary through using synonyms & antonyms and deal with target structures.

## Practice



1. Write more questions on the board on details. Students work in pairs to answer the questions.
2. Elicit the answers from students.
3. Divide students into groups and distribute the roles among them to present the scenes of the chapter.
4. At the end, some students come to the front and present a summary for the whole chapter using, First, Secondly, Next, Then, Later, Finally

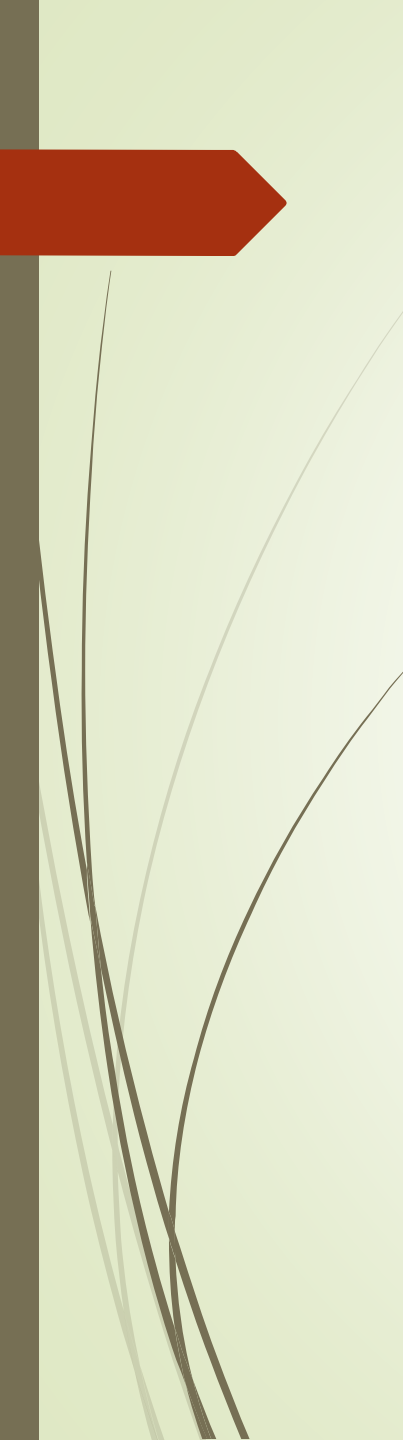
## Assessment

1. Ask: What have we learned today?
2. Ask students to write a summary for the chapter as a homework assignment.


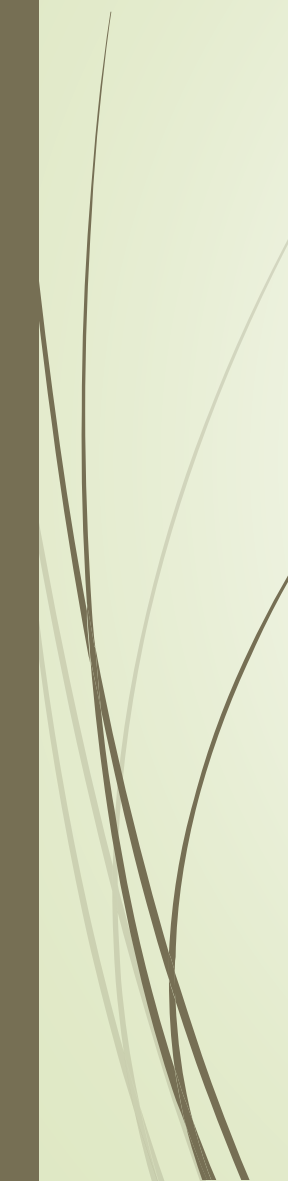



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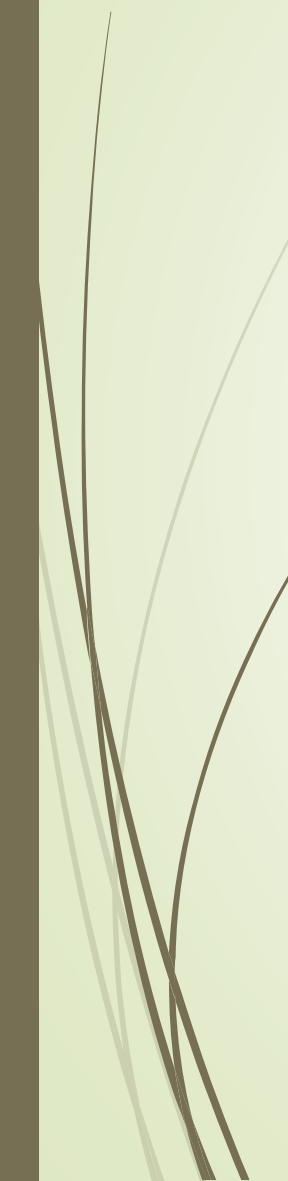
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- Decide on an alternate title for the book. Why is it appropriate? Is it better than the one the book has now? Why or Why not?
  - Make an ID card which belongs to one of the characters. Be sure to make the card look like the cards for that particular state. Include a picture and all information found on an ID card. Don't forget the signature!! \*\*\*\*\*This gets them researching what ID cards /Driver's Licenses look like; as well as thinking about the character--especially the signature. I have seen kids ask each of the other students to sign the character's name to find the one that would most likely belong to the character.\*\*\*\*\*
  - Prepare a list of 15 to 20 questions for use in determining if other people have read the book carefully. Must include some "thought" questions. "How?" "Why"
  - Make a dictionary containing 20 or more difficult words from the book.
  - Describe the problem or conflict existing for the main character in the book. Tell how the conflict was or was not resolved.
  - Make a crossword puzzle using ideas from a book. Need at least 25 entries.
  - Create a radio ad for your book. Write out the script and tape record it as it would be presented. Don't forget background music!
  - Make a "wanted" poster for one of the characters or objects in your book. Include the following: (a) a drawing or cut out picture of the character or object, (b) a physical description of the character or object, (c) the character's or object's misdeeds (or deeds?), (d) other information about the character or object which is important, (e) the reward offered for the capture of the character or object.
  - Design an advertising campaign to promote the sale of the book you read. Include each of the following: a poster, a radio or TV commercial, a magazine or newspaper ad, a bumper sticker, and a button.

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- Find the top 10 web sites a character in your book would most frequently visit. Include 2-3 sentences for each on why your character likes each of the sites.
  - Write a scene that could have happened in the book you read but didn't. After you have written the scene, explain how it would have changed the outcome of the book.
  - Create a board game based on events and characters in the book you read. By playing your game, members of the class should learn what happened in the book. Your game must include the following: a game board, a rule sheet and clear directions, events and characters from the story.
  - Make models of three objects which were important in the book you read. On a card attached to each model, tell why that object was important in the book.
  - Design a movie poster for the book you read. Cast the major character in the book with real actors and actresses. Include a scene or dialogue from the book in the layout of the poster. Remember, it should be PERSUASIVE; you want people to come see the movie.
  - If the book you read involves a number of locations within a country or geographical area, plot the events of the story on a map. Make sure the map is large enough for us to read the main events clearly. Attach a legend to your map. Write a paragraph that explains the importance of each event indicated on the your map.
  - Complete a series of five drawings that show five of the major events in the plot of the book you read. Write captions for each drawing so that the illustrations can be understood by someone who did not read the book.
  - Make a test for the book you read. Include 10 true-false, 10 multiple choice and 10 short essay questions. After writing the test, provide the answers for your questions.
  - Select one character from the book you read who has the qualities of a heroine or hero. List these qualities and tell why you think they are heroic.
  - Imagine that you are about to make a feature-length film of the novel you read. You have been instructed to select your cast from members of your English class. Cast all the major characters in your novel from your English classmates and tell why you selected each person for a given part.


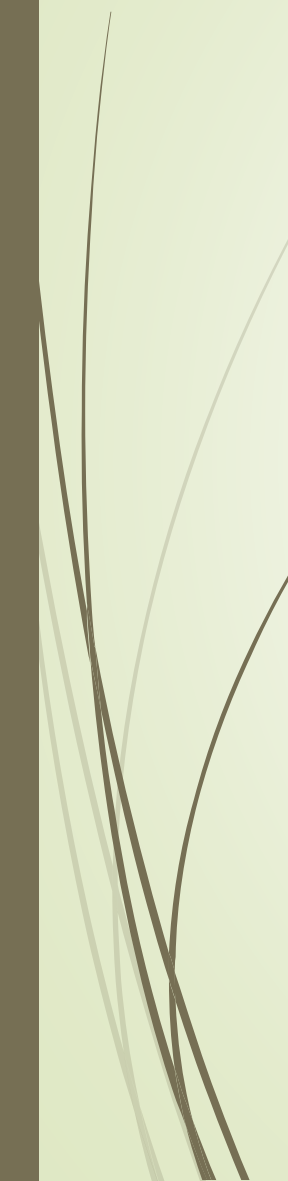


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- Plan a party for the characters in the book you read. In order to do this, complete each of the following tasks: (a) Design an invitation to the party which would appeal to all of the characters. (b) Imagine that you are five of the characters in the book and tell what each would wear to the party. (c) Tell what food you would serve and why. (d) Tell what games or entertainment you will provide and why your choices are appropriate. (e) Tell how three of the characters will act at the party. (f) What kind of a party is this? (birthday, housewarming, un-birthday, anniversary, etc.)
  - List five of the main characters from the book you read. Give three examples of what each character learned or did not learn in the book.
  - Obtain a job application from an employer in our area, and fill out the application as one of the characters in the book you read might do. Before you obtain the application, be sure that the job is one for which a character in your book is qualified. If a resume is required, write it.
  - You are a prosecuting attorney putting one of the characters from the book you read on trial for a crime or misdeed. Prepare your case on paper, giving all your arguments.
  - Do the previous activity, but find a buddy to help you. One of you becomes the prosecuting attorney; the other is the defence. If you can't find a buddy, you could try it on your own.
  - Make a shoe box diorama of a scene from the book you read. Write a paragraph explaining the scene and its effect in the book on your title page.
  - Pretend that you are one of the characters in the book you read. Tape a monologue of that character telling of his or her experiences. Be sure to write out a script before taping. You could perform this "live" if you so choose.
  - Make a television box show of ten scenes in the order that they occur in the book you read. Cut a square from the bottom of a box to serve as a TV screen and make two slits in opposite sides of the box. Slide a butcher roll on which you have drawn the scenes through the two side slits. Make a tape to go with your television show. Be sure to write out a script before taping or performing live.
  - Tape an interview with one of the characters in the book you read. Pretend that this character is being interviewed by a magazine or newspaper reporter. You may do this project with a partner, but be sure to write a script before taping. You may choose to do a "live" version of this.
  - Imagine that you have been given the task of conducting a tour of the town in which the book you read is set. Make a tape describing the homes of your characters and the places where important events in the book took place. You may want to use a musical background for your tape.
  - Do some research on the hometown of your book's author. You may be able to find descriptions of his or her home, school, favourite hangouts, etc. What else is of interest in the town? Imagine that you are conducting a tour of the town. Make a tape describing the places you show people on the tour. You may want to use a musical background for your tape.


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- Make a list of at least ten proverbs or familiar sayings. Now decide which characters in the book you read should have followed the suggestions in the familiar sayings and why.
  - Write the copy for a newspaper front page that is devoted entirely to the book you read. The front page should look as much like a real newspaper page as possible. The articles on the front page should be based on events and characters in the book.
  - Make a time line of the major events in the book you read. Be sure the divisions on the time line reflect the time period in the plot. Use drawings or magazine cut-outs to illustrate events along the time line. You could present this to the class, taking us through time—event by event, for more marks.
  - Change the setting of the book you read. Tell how this change of setting would alter events and affect characters.
  - Make a paper doll likeness of one of the characters in the book you read. Design at least three costumes for this character. Next, write a paragraph commenting on each outfit; tell what the clothing reflects about the character, the historical period and events in the book.
  - Complete each of these eight ideas with material growing out of the book you read: This book made me wish that..., realize that..., decide that..., wonder about..., see that..., believe that ..., feel that..., and hope that...
  - After reading a non-fiction book, become a teacher. Prepare a lesson that will teach something you learned from the book. It could be a "how-to" lesson or one on content. Plan carefully to present all necessary information in a logical order. You don't want to confuse your students! Present your lesson to your students. How did you do? If you taught a "how-to" lesson, look at the final product to see if your instructions to the class were clear. If your lesson introduced something new, you might give a short quiz to see how well you taught the lesson.
  - Look through magazines for words and pictures that describe your book. Use these to create a collage on a bookmark. Make the bookmark available for others to use as they read the same book.
  - Write the title of your book. Decide on some simple word--picture--letter combinations that will spell out the title "rebus style." Present it to the class to solve (I will make a transparency or copies for you.) After they have solved the rebus, invite them to ask questions about the book.
  - After reading a book, design a game, based on that book as its theme. Will you decide on a board game, card game, concentration game? The choices are only limited to YOUR CREATIVITY! Be sure to include clear directions and provide everything needed to play.


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- Choose an interesting character from your book. Consider the character's personality, likes and dislikes. Decide on a gift for him or her... something he or she would really like and use. Design a greeting card to go along with your gift. In the greeting, explain to your friend from the book why you selected the gift.
  - Make a large poster that could be a cover for that book. Imagine that you are the book and plan a way to introduce yourself. Make the group feel they would like to know you better. Organize your best points into an introduction to present to the class. Be sure to "wear" your cover!
  - Read the classifieds. Find something a character in your book was looking for or would like. Cut out the classified. Write a short paragraph telling why he or she needs/wants the item. Would the one advertised be a good buy for him or her? Why or Why not?
  - Create cut-out sketches of each character in your novel. Mount the sketches on a bulletin board. Include a brief character sketch telling us about the characters.
  - Write a letter to the author of your novel and explain how you feel about the book.
  - Create life-sized models of two of your favourite characters and dress them as they are dressed in the book. Crouch down behind your character and describe yourself as the character. Tell what your role is in the book and how you relate to the other character you have made.
  - Interview a character from your book. Write at least ten questions that will give the character the opportunity to discuss his/her thoughts and feelings about his/her role in the story. However you choose to present your interview is up to you.
  - Write a diary that one of the story's main characters might have kept before, during, or after the book's events. Remember that the character's thoughts and feelings are very important in a diary.
  - If you are reading the same book as one or more others are reading, dramatize a scene from the book. Write a script and have several rehearsals before presenting it to the class.
  - Prepare an oral report of 5 minutes. Give a brief summary of the plot and describe the personality of one of the main characters. Be prepared for questions from the class.
  - Give a sales talk, pretending the students in the class are clerks in a bookstore and you want them to push this book.
  - Build a miniature stage setting of a scene in the book. Include a written explanation of the scene.
  - Imagine that you are the author of the book you have just read. Suddenly the book becomes a best seller. Write a letter to a movie producer trying to get that person interested in making your book into a movie. Explain why the story, characters, conflicts, etc., would make a good film. Suggest a filming location and the actors to play the various roles.




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- Construct a diorama (three-dimensional scene which includes models of people, buildings, plants, and animals) of one of the main events of the book. Include a written description of the scene.
  - Write a feature article (with a headline) that tells the story of the book as it might be found on the front page of a newspaper in the town where the story takes place.
  - Write a letter (10-sentence minimum) to the main character of your book asking questions, protesting a situation, and/or making a complaint and/or a suggestion. This must be done in the correct letter format.
  - Read the same book as one of your friends. The two of you make a video or do a live performance of MASTERPIECE BOOK REVIEW, a program which reviews books and interviews authors. (You can even have audience participation!)
  - If the story of your book takes place in another country, prepare a travel brochure using pictures you have found or drawn.
  - Write a FULL (physical, emotional, relational) description of three of the characters in the book. Draw a portrait to accompany each description.
  - After reading a book of history or historical fiction, make an illustrated timeline showing events of the story and draw a map showing the location(s) where the story took place.
  - Write and perform an original song that tells the story of the book.
  - After reading a book of poetry, do three of the following: 1) do an oral reading; 2) write an original poem; 3) act out a poem; 4) display a set of pictures which describe the poem; 5) write original music for the poem; 6) add original verses to the poem.
  - Create a newspaper for your book. Summarize the plot in one article, cover the weather in another, do a feature story on one of the more interesting characters in another. Include an editorial and a collection of ads that would be pertinent to the story.
  - Do a book talk. Talk to the class about your book by saying a little about the author, explain who the characters are and explain enough about the beginning of the story so that everyone will understand what they are about to read. Finally, read an exciting, interesting, or amusing passage from your book. Stop reading at a moment that leaves the audience hanging and add "If you want to know more you'll have to read the book." If the book talk is well done almost all the students want to read the book.



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  - Choose one part of the story that reached a climax. If something different had happened then, how would it have affected the outcome?
  - Make a Venn diagram on the ways you are like and unlike one of the characters in your story.
  - Write about one of the character's life twenty years from now.
  - Make a travel brochure advertising the setting of the story.
  - Choose five "artefact" from the book that best illustrate the happenings and meanings of the story. Tell why you chose each one.
  - Pretend that you are going to join the characters in the story. What things will you need to pack? Think carefully, for you will be there for a week, and there is no going back home to get something!
  - Each child rewrites the story, and divides into 8 parts. Make this into a little book of 3 folded pages, stapled in the middle (Outside paper is for title of book.) Older children can put it on the computer filling the unused part with a square for later illustrations.
  - Do some research on a topic brought up; in your book.
  - Write an obituary for one of the characters. Be sure to include life-time accomplishments.
  - Choose a job for one of the characters in the book and write letter of application.
  - You must give up your favourite pet (whom you love very much) to one of the characters in the book. Which character would you choose? Why?
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- Write an ad for a dating service for one of the characters.
  - Pretend that you can spend a day with one of the characters. Which character would you choose? Why? What would you do?
  - Write a scene that has been lost from the book.
  - Write the plot for a sequel to this book.
  - Add another character to the book. Why would he be put there? What part would he serve?
  - Rewrite the story for younger children in picture book form.
  - Write the plot of the story as if it were a story on the evening news
  - Make a gravestone for one of the characters.
  - What other story could have taken place at this same time and setting? Write the plot and about 4 or 5 characters in this new book.
  - Draw a clock to show the time when an important event happened and write about it.
  - Write another ending for the story.
  - Make up a lost or found ad for a person or object in the story.
  - Gather a collection of objects described in the book.
  - Make a list of words and definitions important to the story.
  - Make a mobile using a coat hanger.
  - Tell part of a story with a musical accompaniment.
  - Identify the parts in the story that show a character has changed his attitudes or ways of behaviour.
  - Giving a synopsis of a story is an excellent way of gaining experience in arranging events in sequences and learning how a story progresses to a climax.
  - Find a song or a poem that relates to the theme of your book. Explain the similarities.
  - For fun, exaggerate characteristics or an event in your book and write a tabloid-style news story.
  - Draw a comic-book page complete with bubble-style conversations showing an incident in your book.



# Insignare - Associação de Ensino e Formação, Ourém (Portugal)



## The Portuguese Team's Techniques for Teaching Literature

### *Diary of a Young Girl*

1.1 The teacher selects some paragraphs from the book and divides the students into groups and asks them to identify:

- the time the action happens
- the place the action happens

The correct answers will be:  
in the middle of World War II;  
Amsterdam

1.2 Pair Work. The students are asked if they know the main event where approximately 33% of the world's population of Jews were slaughtered;  
(The Holocaust)

1.3 The students are asked if they heard about the story of Anne Frank

If the answer is no, the students are asked to tell what they think that she had experienced.

If the answer is an affirmative one, they will tell the other what they know about her and about what she had to experience while she was hiding.

1.5 In groups, the students tell how life would have been different in 1940s if the Nazi party hadn't seized control over the world.



## **1.1 The students are asked about the problems that were happening in that time:**

What did the Nazi authorities demand from the Jews?

### **Possible answers:**

They couldn't have any mean of locomotion such as bicycles, cars or others;

They had to buy the food only from stores dedicated to them.

What awful things were happening?

Genocide;

Lac of expression liberty;

## **1.2 The students have had to read the book as assignment. The teacher gives them some worksheets in which they write:**

- how many main characters the book has ? (8- Anne Frank, Margot Frank, to Frank, Edith Frank, Peter Van Daan, Mr. and Mrs. Van Daan and Mr.Fitz)
- when she receives the diary (on her 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary)
- how long she stays in hiding (2 years)
- Who kept the diary after the families were taken to the concentration camps? (Miep Gies)

The character		The Character's Features
<b>1. Anne Frank</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pratical;</li> <li>• Kind;</li> <li>• Business man;</li> <li>• Protector;</li> <li>• Economic.</li> </ul>
<b>2. Margot Frank</b>	<b>(4)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sentimental;</li> <li>• Critical;</li> <li>• Closeness;</li> <li>• Sympathy</li> </ul>
<b>3. Otto Frank</b>	<b>(1)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sensitive;</li> <li>• intelligent;</li> <li>• Creative;</li> <li>• perceptive;</li> <li>• Innocent;</li> <li>• Tempestuous;</li> <li>• Empathic;</li> </ul>
<b>4. Edith Frank</b>	<b>(5)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Controlling tendencies;</li> <li>• Odd personal hygiene habits;</li> <li>• Reserved;</li> </ul>
<b>5. Mr. Fitz</b>	<b>(2)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Really smart;</li> <li>• Quiet;</li> <li>• Shy;</li> <li>• Pretty;</li> <li>• Emotional.</li> </ul>

### 1.3 Differences between the movie and the book:

The students are asked if they know the differences between the book and the movie...

The movie begins with Anne's father, Otto, going back to the secret annex and being given the diary, while the book starts with Anne receiving the diary on her thirteen birthday;

In the movie Anne gets a chance to say goodbye and end her journal, in the book it abruptly stops;

the scene with the Gestapo taking them away is shown in the movie, in the book we know nothing of it;

The book goes extensively into Anne's beauty routine, the movie does not.

The book has Peter and Anne's relationship being slightly longer. She even has a heart to heart about it with Otto in the book.

### 2. True or False

The people helping the families in the "Secret Annex" are becoming ill, so the families are not able to receive food and other necessities for survival. (T)


2.2 The Van Daan's were the only ones who have money in the secret Annex (F)

Anne is really happy to be alive yet she feels bad because her friends didn't have the same luck (T)

The families were discovered in 1942 (F)

Edith Frank was the only one to survive (F)





### 3. The Diary of Anne Frank provided illustrations and narratives of how they lived their lives during the World War II, their stories of everyday as they interact with each other, and the experience they had to deal with during the war.

Friday, December 24, 1943

*"Dear Kitty, As I've written you many times before, moods have a tendency to affect us quite a bit here, and in my case it's been getting worse lately. "Himmelhoch jauchzend, zu Tode betrübt" I certainly applies to me. I'm "on top of the world" when I think of how fortunate we are and compare myself to other Jewish children, and "in the depths of despair" when, for example, Mrs. Kleiman comes by and talks about Jopie's hockey club, canoe trips, school plays and afternoon teas with friends. I don't think I'm jealous of Jopie, but I long to have a really good time for once and to laugh so hard it hurts. We're stuck in this house like lepers, especially during winter and the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Actually, I shouldn't even be writing this, since it makes me seem so ungrateful, but I can't keep everything to myself, so I'll repeat what I said at the beginning: "Paper is more patient than people." Whenever someone comes in from outside, with the wind in their clothes and the cold on their cheeks, I feel like burying my head under the blankets to keep from thinking, "When will we be allowed to breathe fresh air again?" I can't do that—on the contrary, I have to hold my head up high and put a bold face on things, but the thoughts keep coming anyway. Not just once, but over and over. Believe me, if you've been shut up for a year and a half, it can get to be too much for you sometimes. But feelings can't be ignored, no matter how unjust or ungrateful they seem. I long to ride a bike, dance, whistle, look at the world, feel young and know that I'm free, and yet I can't let it show. Just imagine what would happen if all eight of us were to feel sorry for ourselves or walk around with the discontent clearly visible on our faces. Where would that get us? . . .*

*Yours, Anne"*



### **3.1- Recall how do the people in the Annex get food and other supplies?**

R: Miep, Jo Kleiman, Victor Kugler and Jan Gies help the families in the secret annex, some bring them food and others just make sure that they were not discovered.

### **3.2- While the people there are hiding in the “Secret Annex” several problems come to the surface such as?**

R: The people helping the families in the "Secret Annex" are becoming ill, so the families are not able to receive food and other necessities for survival.

### **3.3- What's the name of Anne Frank diary?**

R: Kitty

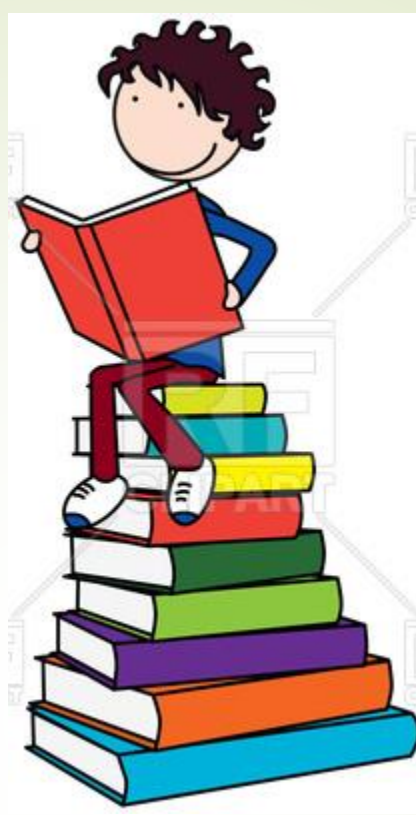
## **4. Answering to some questions**

Edith Frank died from what?

R: Edith Frank starved herself by giving her food rations to her daughters.

4.2 Margot and Anne died from what diseases?

R: Margot and Anne died from typhus, Margot died in Auschwitz and her sister, Anne, died three days later



## **Thanks for your attention**

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