

### *Lord of the Flies* Essay Outline

**Directions:** Use the chart below to outline your *Lord of the Flies* essay. For each section in the chart, write notes about what you plan to discuss in that section of your paper.

<b>Prompt:</b> What does Golding say about human nature in <i>Lord of the Flies</i> ? Is it inherently good or evil? How does Golding develop his message throughout the book? How does this message have relevance today?	
Section of Essay	My Notes
<b>Thesis</b>  What do you plan to prove in your paper? How do you plan to prove it? Write one sentence that states this without using the pronoun <i>I</i> .	In <i>Lord of the Flies</i> , through the tensions of the boys with differing views of civilization, competition for power, and savagery, Golding conveys that well-behaved people will revert to animalistic behavior when the rule of law is dissolved.
<b>Body: Section 1</b>  What is the first way Golding develops his message? What evidence will you use to support your point?	Ralph and Jack have differing views on the priorities of building civilization. Ralph believes that structure, rules, and maintaining a signal fire are the greatest priorities, while Jack believes hunting, violence, and fun should be prioritized over safety, protection, and planning for the future. This causes conflict as the argue about the way to form civilization on the island.
<b>Body: Section 2</b>  What is the second way Golding develops his message? What evidence will you use to support your point?	Ralph and Jack compete for power over everyone. Jack's use of violence and savagery almost completely overrule Ralph's civilized society that he has tried to create among the boys. This creates big tension between the two as they compete to be the one in charge.
<b>Body: Section 3</b>  What is the third way that Golding develops his message? What evidence will you use to support your point?	By the end of the story there is so much tension between Jack and Ralph, that Jack sent his group to hunt down Ralph and burn him, spear him, and crush him with a boulder. This shows the savagery within the boys.

**Body: Section 4**

How does Golding's message have relevance today?

The story within *Lord of the Flies* is similar to today's society, the conflict between living in a civilized society or savagery, survival and what choices we make to survive.