

Upper Level Level - October 2026

Week 1: Lord of the Flies Ch. 1-5: Civilization vs. Savagery | Vocabulary & Comprehension

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SECTION 1: VOCABULARY

allegory	A narrative in which characters and events symbolize abstract ideas
archetype	A universal character type recurring across literature
conch	The shell used as a symbol of order and democratic authority
civilization	Organized society with laws, institutions, and social norms
savagery	Primitive, violent behavior unconstrained by social rules
microcosm	A small community representing a larger society
hierarchy	A ranked system of authority or social status
utopian	Relating to an ideal, perfect society
dystopian	Relating to an imaginary bad or oppressive society
symbolism	Using objects to represent abstract ideas

SECTION 2: USE IT IN A SENTENCE - Choose 4 words above and write original sentences.

1. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

2. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

3. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

4. Word: _____ Sentence: _____

SECTION 3: COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. What does the conch symbolize in chapters 1-5? Find 2 specific examples.

2. How do Ralph, Jack, and Piggy each represent an archetype? What does each symbolize allegorically?

3. What does Golding argue about human nature in the opening chapters?

4. How does the island function as a microcosm of adult society?

5. How does chapter 5's 'beast' discussion reveal the boys' psychological state?
