**Chapters 5-8 Guided Reading Questions for *Lord of the Flies***

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*Reply to the following questions as you read the assigned chapters in the novel* ***Lord of the Flies***

**CHAPTER 5**

1. At the assembly, Ralph comments about the FOUR most important issues/problems he believes the boys face at this time. What are they?
2. **Water needs to be brought from the stream….don’t drink from the river.**
3. **Need Shelters**
4. **Need to have a place to go to the bathroom…don’t touch anything while going to the bathroom either**
5. **Need to keep the fire and fire watch**
6. **Don’t let fear break the group apart ( the whole beast is a myth)**
7. At this point in the novel, what is happening to the assembly rules?

**No one is respecting the rules---the boys talk without the conch and do not respect the voice of those who do hold the shell.**

1. On pg. 91 Ralph makes the comment….”Rules are the only thing we’ve got”. What do you think he is trying to say?

**That’s all that’s left of the structure and orde5r of the civilized world they once belonged to**

1. What is Ralph’s dilemma in blowing the conch on pg. 92?

**If he blows the conch and no one comes it is a sign that he has lost power. But if he doesn’t blow the conch that too is a sign that he has given up….and ultimately has lost power.**

1. Vocabulary from the chapter:

**rendered** – **made**

**decorum** – **proper behavior (think societal norms from news article #10)**

**CHAPTER 6**

1. Why does Jack believe at this point in the story that there is no more need for the conch?

**He says it is not needed because he believes some people shouldn’t have the power to speak. (No need for a democracy)**

1. The author at the end of the chapter describes the boys’ actions as somewhat of a mutiny. Why?

**They aren’t listening to Ralph anymore and have abandoned his quest for rescue**

1. Vocabulary from the chapter:

**emphatic** – **to emphasize with force**

**interminable** – **endless**

**mutinously** – **rebelliously**

**CHAPTER 7**

1. How does mob mentality contribute to Ralph getting caught up in the irrational lust to injure and kill?

**Hunting makes him feel good, powerful and part of a group as they bond over the hunting chant.**

1. Later Ralph asks Jack why Jack hates him. Why do you suppose Ralph assumes Jack hates him?

**Because they are in a constant struggle for control over the boys actions/behavior and ultimately their support**

1. Vocabulary from the chapter:

**bravado** – **a false show of bravery**

**impervious** – **incapable of being effected** (like the Hulk being impervious to pain)

**CHAPTER 8**

1. Why does Jack tell lies and half-truths about Ralph?

**To try and turn them against Ralph (think of Joseph Goebbels and Adolf Hitler’s Big Lie theory you learned in about in history class)**

1. Why does Jack leave the group?

**The boys choose not to vote Ralph down as chief and they kind of anoint him as the leader on the island.**

1. What does Jack say to the group when he leaves? How does that show his immaturity and innocence?

**Jack states that …”I am not going to play any longer. Not with you”. It really shows that he has lost a sense of reality and believe their situation on the island is just a game.**

1. Why do most of the bigger boys go off with Jack?

**To go off and hunt, have fun and also have safety and security**

1. What key thing do the hunters find they need? How do they go about fulfilling this need?

**Fire….and they steal it.**

1. Why do you think Jack has his “two savages” say… “The Chief has spoken”?

**Shows a transition of power from Ralph to Jack….Jack has “overthrown” Ralph**

1. Vocabulary from the chapter:

**fervor – intense feeling or emotion**

**rebuke** – **to scold or criticize**

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