

## Lord of the Flies Vocabulary and Definitions

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### **Chapter One**

1. clambering- climbing awkwardly
2. proffer- offer; suggestion
3. efflorescence- blossoming; flowering
4. effulgence- brilliance; radiant splendor
5. enmity- hostility; mutual hatred
6. decorous- decent; correct; fitting
7. fulcrum- support on which a lever pivots
8. furtive- sly; surreptitious; underhanded
9. indignation- anger due to unjust treatment
10. bastion- projecting part of a fortification
11. hiatus- break; gap; pause

### **Chapter Two**

1. gesticulated- made gestures when speaking to show strong feeling
2. clamored- shouted noisily and insistently
3. ebullience- lively or enthusiastic expression
4. assented- thoughtfully agreed; concurred
5. recrimination- charges against an accuser
6. hayrick- haystack
7. tumult- commotion; riot
8. tirade- long, angry or violent speech

### **Chapter Three**

1. festooned- hung like decorations
2. tendril- spiraled stem used for attachment
3. pendant- something suspended; hanging
4. oppressive- depressing; overwhelming
5. inscrutable- not easily understood; mysterious
6. vicissitudes- natural or unexpected changes

7. antagonism- open hostility or opposition
8. indignant- angered by unjust treatment
9. declivities- descending slopes
10. tacit- unspoken; implied
11. susurrations- murmur; whispering sound

#### **Chapter Four**

1. overwhelming- covering or engulfing completely
2. blatant- obvious in an offensive manner
3. impalpable- incapable of being felt by touch
4. taboo- banned by morality or taste
5. swarthy- of dark color or complexion
6. sinewy- strong; lean and muscular
7. malevolently- in a manner of vicious hatred

#### **Chapter Five**

1. lamentably- mournfully; regrettably
2. apex- uppermost point
3. ludicrous- amusing or laughable; absurd
4. ineffectual- useless; ineffective
5. jeer- to mock or taunt
6. derisive- mocking; jeering
7. effigy- a crude representation of a person
8. inarticulate- unable to speak clearly

#### **Chapter Six**

1. tremulous(ly)- trembling; quivering; shaking
2. diffident(ly)- shy; timid; reserved
3. leviathan- large sea creature
4. mutinously- rebelliously; unruly; turbulently

#### **Chapter Seven**

1. coverts- underbrush providing cover for game

2. crestfallen- feeling shame or humiliation
3. glowered- looked with annoyance or anger
4. daunting- discouraging; dismaying
5. impervious- incapable of being affected

### **Chapter Eight**

1. prefect- chief officer; monitor in private school
2. rebuke- reprimand; criticize; reprove
3. demure- modest; reserved
4. fervor- emotional intensity; passion
5. demented- mad; insane
6. palled- lost its attraction

### **Chapter Nine**

1. corpulent- obese; excessively fat
2. derision- contemptuous laughter; ridicule
3. sauntered- walked at a leisurely pace
4. abominable- detestable; unpleasant

### **Chapter Ten**

1. assimilating- comprehending; taking in
2. compelled- urged or drove forcefully

### **Chapter Eleven**

1. luminous- emitting steady light
2. myopia- nearsightedness
3. sniveling- whining in a weak manner
4. propitiatingly- pacifying; appeasing
5. quavered- spoke in a trembling voice
6. truculently- savagely; aggressively
7. parried- warded off
8. talisman- object thought to have magical power

## **Chapter Twelve**

1. cynical(ly)- distrustful(ly) of human nature
2. acrid- pungent or bitter odor or taste
3. cordon- a line of people enclosing an area
4. ululating- howling; wailing
5. elephantine- massive; clumsy; enormous
6. crepitation- crackling sound
7. epaulettes- fringed shoulder pad on a military uniform