

Lord of the Flies: Vocab Chs 1-2

lagoon – a body of water cut off from a larger body of water, usually by a reef or sand or coral

vainly – to no avail

quiver – sensation of fight, a shaking motion

effulgence -- radiance, radiancy, refulgence, refulgency, shine

enmity -- mutual hatred; a feeling or condition of hostility; hatred; ill will; animosity; antagonism.

decorous – good taste; good manners and conduct

interpose – to come in between

strident – extremely loud

scupper – a drain that allows water on a boat to flow overboard

speculate – to believe in something when you are uncertain

clamor – a loud, harsh noise

incredulous -- disinclined or indisposed to believe; skeptical

pallid – unnaturally pale

pallor – unnatural lack of color in the skin

indignation – a feeling of righteous anger

grating – unpleasant, harsh sound

devour – completely destroy

conch – brightly colored shell

pliant – bending readily, flexible; adaptable; easily influenced

immure – to enclose within walls; to shut in, seclude or confine.

bastion – 1) a fortified place; 2) anything seen as preserving or protecting some quality, condition, etc.: *a bastion of solitude; a bastion of democracy.*

hiatus – a break or interruption in the continuity of a work, series, action, etc.

officious – intrusive; objectionably aggressive in offering one's unrequested and unwanted services, help, or advice; meddling

tumult – a state of commotion

nimble – moving quickly and lightly; agile

Reading Guide

Chapter 1

1. What are the names of the two boys first described in chapter one?
2. Where are the boys?
3. How did they get there?
4. What do the boys find?
5. How do the boys determine who is going to be the chief?
6. Who wins the election?
7. What do Ralph, Jack, and Simon find when they go exploring?
8. What do they find tangled in some foliage?
9. Does Jack kill the pig? Why or why not?

Chapter 2

1. What rule does Ralph create regarding the conch?
2. What is the child with the mulberry-colored birthmark afraid of?
3. What does Jack decide to do with his hunters?
4. What do the children decide to do to increase their chances of getting off the island?
5. How do the boys eventually start the fire?
6. Why does Piggy get upset?