

## **Lord of the Flies – Discussion Questions**

### **General Questions:**

Did you enjoy the book (or whatever part you read)? Why or why not?

Did you anticipate the way the island would divide itself? What were the best and worst aspects of the communities that formed?

Would the island organization have been different if there had been girls on the plane too? In what ways?

Did you expect the rescue and were you satisfied with the book's ending?

### **In-Depth Questions:**

What was the role of religion on the island and how, over the course of the book, does it change (ex: boys were raised Christian but descend into pagan worship)?

What are the main characteristics of each of the main characters (Ralph, Jack, Piggy, Simon) and what do they represent? Are there symbols in the book that add to their character type (ex: Piggy's glasses, Ralph's conch shell, Jack's knife)?

Is everyone capable of savage behavior if they are pushed, or was the boys' behavior unique to their age and situation?

Why is ritual and routine so important to the boys? What kind of order does it preserve and what starts to happen when the certainty of routine goes away?

Can you draw any parallels to other "community" books we have read this year? How do these communities change when they are made up only of children vs when adults are present? How does the feeling on the island change when the officer appears at the end?