

**Part One: Comprehension**

1. Who are the first two characters to be introduced?
2. How did the boys come to be on the island?
3. How does Ralph feel about the lack of adults on the island?
4. What fact does Piggy ask Ralph to conceal from the others?
5. What does Piggy suffer from?
6. What is a conch?
9. Who goes to explore the island with Ralph?
10. How is Piggy treated at the first meeting?
11. What is the "scar" that is repeatedly mentioned?
12. What do Piggy, Simon, and the littlun with the birthmark have in common?

**Part Two: Characterization** – Choose 2 adjectives to describe each of the following characters, and provide at least one quote from the text to support your choices for each character

Ralph

Piggy

Jack

13. What fact does Ralph reveal to the group about Piggy? What does this say about his character? How might this support a bigger idea of the novel (theme, conflict, symbol, etc.)?

**Part Three: "Big Ideas"**

14. What theme(s) emerge in Chapter 1?
15. What conflicts have already been established in this chapter?
16. What stops Jack from killing the first pig? What does he say about it? What do Jack's actions tell us about him as an individual? What can we believe about the group as a whole based on this incident?
17. What draws the children to gather on the beach? Note the title of the chapter – what does the sound of the shell mean to the group?
18. What happens at the first meeting? What emerging theme does this support?
19. Why do you think the author chose to use British schoolboys as the main characters of the novel? What theme(s) do these characters convey?