English 11 lord of the flies in class essay- You will be expected to write a persuasive essay on one of the following topics, using specific examples from the novel to support your thesis, and including direct and indirect quotes from the novel. You must incorporate at least 3 quotes into your essay.

Essay topic choices:

1. Lord of the Flies points out many inherent flaws of mankind throughout the novel.
2. Lord of the Flies teaches us many lessons about human nature.
3. Lord of the Flies utilizes many symbols throughout the novel to teach the reader about human nature.
4. The characters in Lord of the Flies are symbols of various aspects of human nature in the novel.
5. There are many symbols used to represent evil in the novel Lord of the flies.
6. There are many symbols used to represent order and disorder in the novel Lord of the flies.
7. One of the main themes in Lord of the Flies is the conflict in human nature between civilization and savagery.
8. One of the main themes in Lord of the Flies is the loss of innocence.

Possible things to look at when taking notes to prepare for the in class essay.

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| **Object/Character** | **Represents/symbolizes** |
| Piggy | Clear-sightedness, intelligence. Their state represents the status of social order. Reason/logic, power of science |
| Glasses | Clear-sightedness, intelligence. Their state represents the status of social order. Reason/logic |
| Ralph | Democracy, Law and order, leadership, civilization |
| The Conch | Democracy, Law and order, civilization |
| Simon | Pure Goodness, "Christ Figure" |
| Roger | Evil, Satan, brutality, bloodlust |
| Jack | Savagery, Anarchy, desire for power |
| The Island | A microcosm representing the world |
| The "Scar" | Man's destruction, destructive forces |
| The Beast | The evil residing within everyone, the dark side of human nature, savagery, evil, animal instinct |
| Lord of the Flies | The Devil, great danger or evil, savagery, fear, superstition, chaos, physical manifestation of the beast, power, evil (lord of the flies is a literal translation of the biblical name Beelzebub- demon in hell-often thought to be the devil) |
| Signal fire | Hope and rescue, barometer of connection to civilization |
| Butterflies | Goodness and harmony with nature |
| The parachutist | Sign of adult supervision, grown up world |
| The masks, face paint | Loss of civilization, savagery |
| Littluns | Common people |
| Older boys | Political leaders, ruling classes |