**Theme: Civilization vs. savagery**

1. What rules do the boys make when they first arrive on the island? Why are these rules important?
2. How do the boys’ actions change as they stay longer on the island? Do you think they become more civilized or more savage? Why?
3. Why does Ralph try to keep the signal fire going? What does the fire symbolize?

**Theme: Leadership and Power**

1. What qualities make Ralph a good leader? Do you agree with the boys' choice to make him the leader?
2. Why does Jack want to be the leader? How is his style of leadership different from Ralph’s?
3. Do you think having one leader is the best way to organize a group? Why or why not?

**Theme: Fear**

1. Why are the boys afraid of the "beast"? What do you think the beast represents?
2. How does fear change the way the boys behave? Can you think of a time when fear made you act differently?
3. What role does the "Lord of the Flies" (the pig’s head) play in the story? How does it connect to the boys’ fear?

**Theme: Human nature**

1. Do you think the boys’ behavior on the island shows the true nature of humans? Why or why not?
2. Are people naturally good or bad? Does *Lord of the Flies* give an answer to this question? Explain.
3. How does the novel show the conflict between good and evil?

**Theme: Group dynamics and peer pressure**

1. Why do some boys, like Piggy and Simon, have a hard time fitting in with the group?
2. Why do some of the boys follow Jack even when they know his actions are wrong? Have you ever felt pressure to follow others?
3. What happens when the boys divide into two groups? How does this affect their behavior?

**Theme: Loss of innocence**

1. How do the boys change from the beginning of the story to the end? What causes these changes?
2. What does the ending of the book suggest about the boys’ innocence? Can they ever return to how they were before?
3. Do you think people lose their innocence naturally as they grow up, or only because of certain experiences?