**Lord of the Flies - Chpt. 2 Notes**

\*\* These notes are categorized by topic in left column not by chronological order.

Purpose of the chapter

Ralph

Piggy

* the 2nd meeting with the boys after their landing and the expedition is complete
  + notable difference in demeanor of the boys, especially choir – not as regimented
  + has Jack lost his authority after being gone on the hike w/ Ralph and Simon?
* Chpt 1 – tries to hide from Piggy –seems to be seeking him out here at the beginning – approval from Piggy?
* Found that he had words within himself – no help from Piggy needed
* Declares several things:
  + Definitely an island
  + No adults, must be self-sufficient
  + Pigs on island – potential for food
  + Need for order, rules – role of conch defined – acts as source of order
* Appreciative of Piggy’s respect for conch/rules
* Offers good news – a good island, rescue WILL happen – this gains him favor even if he has NO proof
* Adamant about “no beastie” or snakes on island – very frustrated at continued suggestion of snakes
  + Finds within himself an anger that he didn’t realize was there – allowed it to take over
* Makes final suggestion to make a signal fire to facilitate rescue
* Follows the others – “if you can’t beat ‘em, follow ‘em” mentality
* Takes the lead at the mountain when building fire – initial and keep it going
* Works well with Jack to make fire – teamwork atmosphere created
* Embarrassed that he has no clue how to start a fire
* Instead of defending Piggy – elbows Piggy to weaken him and steal his glasses
  + cross over to savagery?
* Creates more expectation for conch/meeting/civilization – conch in affect wherever it is
* Allows Piggy to stand up to him and argue
  + Frustrated that he allowed/put Piggy in charge of such a difficult task of little ‘uns without help
  + Feels responsible for loss of “birthmark boy”
* Doesn’t offer help at 2nd meeting – still hurt from being abandoned for expedition?
* Takes the conch from Ralph and waits for crowd to silence
  + Reprimands children for being chaotic during Ralph’s speech/direction, encourages the children to allow Ralph to create order for them
* Speaks the reality that they may not be rescued for a long time
* Begins to have breathing issues – controls this with rest and controlled breathing
* Helps the “birthmark boy” to speak his concerns about “beasties”/snakes
  + Shows respect for children by speaking his concerns – defender of the weak
  + Shows respect for conch and order by placing his hand on the conch when the “birthmark boy” had the right to speak
* With Ralph’s logical claim of being rescued – faith is restored in Ralph – “open admiration” ()
* Call the children “a crowd of kids” () when they race off to the mountain to build a fire
  + Shows his inability to associate with the children – Golding describes him as “a parent” ()
* Slowly makes way to mountain – asthmatic reasons and cradling the conch – extreme care
* Attacked for his glasses – used to make the fire
  + Attacked/elbowed by Ralph, the one person who defends Piggy
  + The severity of Piggy’s bad eyesight it made evident – weakens him even more – “Jus’ blurs…Hardly see my hand” ()
* Critical of fire made

Piggy (continued)

Savagery vs. Civilization

Jack

* Begins to demand respect – firmly holds the conch
* Cowers to Jack’s insults, looks to Ralph for help
* Validated by Ralph about conch’s control/authority
* Argues w/ Ralph about the way he’s been treated in comparison to the others
* First to see the fire is out of control
* Reprimanded for not following through with his job to “take care” of the little ‘uns
  + Too many kids
  + No control over what they did
  + No one to help him
  + Too many things happening to keep them contained
  + Too much for one person
* Realizes that “birthmark boy” is gone – victim to fire? – asthma attack or guilt?
* Creation of civilization w/ the establishment of rules, expectations, reality of situation, pursuant of rescue, etc.
* Jack creates chaos by interrupting Ralph’s instructions, meeting
* The animation of the vines into snakes adds to the mysterious/savage qualities of the island
* Ralph’s unknown anger emerges during conversation about “beasties” – cannot control himself
* Mention of fire on mountain – all kids scatter w/o plan from Ralph/leadership
* Teamwork – civilized, organized workmanship
* Stealing of Piggy’s glasses – savagery
* Boys dancing at sight of fire – like a pagan fire dance – foreshadowing?
* Conversation quickly turns from discussion of how to keep fire going, how to properly make a fire to outright yelling, name calling, threatening stares
* Fire begins as a symbol of salvation – method of rescue – to absolute destruction of back side of mountain and disappearance/death of “birthmark boy”
  + Personification of fire – dancing, leaping
  + Metaphor – comparison to animals
  + Metaphor – Piggy stares into “hell”
  + Sound created – drum roll of fire
* Continually interrupts Ralph’s 2nd meeting – feels the need to interject ideas
* Intimidation factor – slams knife into tree trunk after recounting the events w/ the pig
  + Vows to deliver meat
  + Reminds to the group throughout the meeting of the necessity of meat and his willingness to make it happen
* Likes rules – only his own – ignores rules that Ralph places about conch
  + Wants to be the enforcer of the rules
  + Doesn’t want to follow them
* Jack does not discount the snakes completely by saying that he will kill any snakes
  + Is he undermining Ralph’s authority by not following Ralph’s lead?
  + Vows to protect the little ‘uns
* Mockingly claps for Ralph at Ralph’s confidence in their eventual rescue
* Leads the chaotic group to the mountain w/o authorization, leadership of Ralph
  + Undermining Ralph’s authority again?
* Works well with Ralph to accomplish a likeminded goal
* Doesn’t know how to make a fire
* Steals Piggy’s glasses – leads the attack
* Starts verbal assault on Piggy after “feeding the fire”
  + “shut up” – a repeated statement toward Piggy
* Volunteers to divide hunting crew into hunters and fire watchers
  + Placing himself in multiple leadership roles
  + Undermining Ralph?