**Lord of the Flies - Chpt. 6 Notes**

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

Author’s style

Ralph

Jack

Piggy

Simon

* Begins chapter with description of the parachutist – the sign from the adult world per Ralph’s request – he wanted an “adult sign,” a sign of control and comfort – he received a sign from a world at war – no control, no comfort
* After the “beast” arrives – the darkness/island is full of danger – “Soon the darkness was full of claws, full of the awful unknown and menace.”
* Describes the castle rock fully – foreshadowing future role in story?
* Misses the “sign from the adult world”
* He recognizes the importance of acting calmly w/ the news of “the beast” on the mountain
* Ralph’s doesn’t blow the conch – fearful of the beast hearing? – raises it overhead instead – the power of the conch
* Admits that he is frightened of the possibility of a beast on the island
* Leave Piggy w/ little’uns during the hunt
* Puts Jack in his place – tells him to stop talking, Jack ignores, challenging Jack – regains control – “with a violent swing to Ralph’s side, the crisis passed”
* Leads the way at the beginning of the hunt, soon gives way to Jack to lead through the forest
* Walks with Simon part of the way – “returned to his personal hell” after Simon walks into a tree
* Decides to go first to the castle since he is chief and Jack is scared
* Adamant that the castle rock would not be a good place to have a fort
* Convinces Jack to lead the expedition to the mountain, Jack can lead the group
* Tells the boys that they cannot forget to restart the fire, angers the boys who want to stay and play
* Takes over the meeting from Ralph, calls for a hunting of the beast
* Unconcerned for the little’uns’ safety
* Respect for conch in chpt 5 gone – “We don’t need the conch any more.”
* Disregards Ralph’s authority when told to sit, be quiet – loses headway w/ boys
* Ralph asks for his opinion on location of the beast since Jack has been everywhere on the island, allows Jack to have some leadership, again
* Leads the way through the forest to the “castle”, very dramatic in leadership – “trod with theatrical caution”
* Scared of going to the castle rock – allows Ralph as leader to go first, when coast is clear he joins Ralph on the castle
* Likes the idea of using the castle rock as a fortress, plans attack on any enemies using the loose rocks up top
* Still thinks Ralph is crazy for wanting to make sure the fire is lit at all times
* Allows Ralph to talk him into leading another expedition to the mountain to search for the beast, played into his weakness for hunting, exploring
* wants all to stay at the beach – no hunt needed
* has an asthma attack, told to stay w/ little’uns at the beach, not physically able to hunt
* believes still that humans have a beast within
* has a “man crush” on Ralph, likes his ability to speak, wants to be able to do the same
* walks into a tree, breaking the skin