***Lord of the Flies* – Chapter 2 – *Fire on the Mountain* - Reflective Questions**

**TOTALPOINTS**

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**70**

**Points per ?:**

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**Before You Read:**

**A symbol is any noun (person, place, or thing) that represents an idea or a concept. We figure out what certain objects symbolize by looking at how the objects are used and how characters react to those objects.**

**Analyzing the Title – “Fire on the Mountain”**

1. What is fire used for? What can fire do? Hint: think about the positive and negative uses for fire.
2. What are some possible concepts that “fire” might symbolize?

**Chapter 2:**

**The Meeting – Ralph calls a meeting at the beginning of chapter 2 to discuss the island.**

1. What does Jack bring up at the beginning of the meeting in chapter 2?
2. What type of emotion does Jack show while he is talking about the pig and what does it tell the reader about Jack?
3. Why is Jack excited about making rules and what is it about the rules that Jack looks forward to? Explain your answer.
4. What does Jack’s reaction to the rules tell the reader about Jack?
5. What is the first question that Piggy asks the group at the meeting?
6. What is Piggy concerned about at the meeting?
7. What do Piggy’s questions and concerns at the meeting tell the reader about his personality? **Explain your answer.**

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1. Who leads the group of boys up the mountain?
2. What does the boys’ out of control reaction tell reader about the group as a whole?
3. Who and what is left at the assembly when the boys run up the mountain?
4. Based on what the conch, Ralph, and Piggy symbolize, what could the group running up the mountain represent?

**The Conch – the shell that Ralph and Piggy find in chapter 1 – an important symbol**

**A symbol is any noun (person, place, or thing) that represents an idea or a concept. We figure out what certain objects symbolize by looking at how the objects are used and how characters react to those objects.**

1. What did Ralph use the conch for in chapter 1?
2. How does the conch help Ralph become chief in chapter 1?
3. What does Ralph use the conch for at the beginning of chapter 2?
4. How does Ralph incorporate the conch into the rules?
5. What is the purpose of the conch’s rule?

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1. What does Ralph use the conch to do during the meeting?
2. Based on how the conch has been used and how it has helped Ralph, what are at least 3 different ideas that the conch might symbolize?
3. What 2 things is Piggy worried about when Jack goes to take his glasses?
4. What would it symbolize if the conch was broken? Hint: think about what the conch has been used for and the rules that it represents.
5. After the fire is lit what does Jack say about the conch when Piggy tries to speak?
6. What could be the consequences if Jack doesn’t follow the rule of the conch?

**Fear – an important concept that gives insight into the theme of the story**

1. What does the boy with the birthmark fear? Give a description of the boy’s fear.
2. Can fear be irrational or unfounded? **Explain your answer.**
3. Can someone’s fear be passed to other people? **Explain your answer.**
4. What are some possible consequences of the boy sharing his fear with the rest of the group? **Explain your answer.**
5. What does Ralph say **doesn’t** exist?

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1. What does Jack claim he will do if there is a snake thing or a beast?
2. How does the group react when Ralph claims they will all be rescued? What is their overall mood or attitude toward Ralph’s comments?
3. Do the boys seem to care that Ralph doesn’t have any proof to support his comment? **Explain your answer.**

**Piggy’s Glasses – a major symbol**

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1. What are eye glasses normally used for?
2. What does the group use Piggy’s glasses for?
3. What would happen to Piggy and the group if Piggy’s glasses were broken? Are the consequences the same for both the group and Piggy? **Explain your answer.**
4. Based on your answers from above what might Piggy’s glasses symbolize?

**Fire – a major symbol**

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1. How do the boys react to Ralph’s idea to make a fire?
2. Why do Ralph and Jack feel shameful once they get all of the wood piled up for the fire?
3. Who sticks up for Piggy when Jack verbally abuses him?
4. What does Jack say about rules after Ralph says “We ought to have more rules.”?
5. What two jobs does Jack say his hunters will be responsible for?
6. What are some possible implications if Jack and his hunters are not responsible?
7. What does Piggy claim the group should have done before making a fire?
8. What do Piggy’s actions and comments after the fire is lit say about his personality?
9. What are the consequences of the huge fire that the boys make?