***Lord of the Flies* – Chapter 8 - Reflective Critical Thinking Questions**

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**A symbol is any noun (person, place, thing, or action) 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 – “Gift for the Darkness”**

1. What are some possible reasons for giving a gift? (Hint: don’t just think of positive reasons). List as many reasons as you can.
2. What is “Darkness”? What might “Darkness symbolize?
3. What ideas or concepts can you take away from the title: *Gift for the Darkness*? Look at your answers to the prior questions and piece the meaning together in order to figure out the concept that is being conveyed.
4. Explain how Ralph offends Jack and how Jack responds to Ralph’s comment.
5. What does Jack eventually do after no one votes for him for chief?
6. What are the implications of Jack’s reaction to Ralph’s insult? What might this mean for the group as a whole?
7. How does Ralph react to Jack leaving? What does Ralph’s reaction tell the reader about Ralph’s true feelings for Jack?
8. What does it say about Simon that he wants to climb the mountain to look for the beast?
9. After Jack leaves he makes the comment to some of the boys “I’m going to get more of the biguns away from the conch and all that.” What might Jack’s comments symbolize? Explain your answer.

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1. What type of pig do Jack and his hunters come across during their hunt? Who is with the pig?
2. Describe how Jack and his hunters kill the pig. What might the killing of the pig symbolize? Explain your answer.
3. What is Jack excited about after they kill the pig? Explain what Jack’s excitement tells the reader about Jack’s personality.
4. What gift do Jack and the hunters leave for the beast after they kill the pig?
5. Based on the title of the chapter “Gift for the Darkness,” and the gift that the hunters leave for the beast, what is William Golding trying to tell the readers about the beast? (Hint: look at your answers to questions 1-4.)
6. The Lord of the Flies tells Simon that the beast is not something that can be killed and that the beast is a part of Simon himself. The Lord of the Flies also tells Simon that things are the way they are because of the beast. Based on these comments from the Lord of the Flies, what is William Golding trying to tell the reader about what the beast is?