

Vocabulary - *Lord of the Flies*

Chapter 1		
clambering	v	climbing with difficulty
specious	adj	deceptive
solemnly	adv	seriously
enmity	n	ill-will
defiles	v	gorges
fulcrum	n	the point where a lever pivots
mortification	n	feeling shamed or humiliated
strident	adj	harsh and loud
dispersal	n	go off in different directions
clamor	n	loud din
loitered	v	stayed around without purpose or left slowly
bastion	n	stronghold
contemptuously	adv	behaving as though other people are inferior or useless
Chapter 2		
smart	v	to feel a stinging pain
hindering	v	slowing down someone's or something's progress
induced	v	moved, influenced, or caused.
conspiratorial	adj	describes two or more people joining together for an immoral reason.
indignant	adj	describes being upset over something that is unfair.
recrimination	n	the act of accusing someone who has previously charged you with wrongdoing.
martyred	adj	suffering
Chapter 3		
unheeding	adj	someone who is not paying attention.
contrite	adj	feeling sorrow or regret.
vicissitudes	n	difficulties or hardships.
incredulous	adj	not believing or doubtful.
tacit	adj	it is implied or believed without being spoken aloud.
compulsion	n	irresistible impulse or force
inscrutable	adj	not easily understood
Chapter 4		
scorn	n	open or unqualified contempt; disdain
bellowed	v	To shout in a deep voice
dazzling	adj	to excite admiration by brilliance
Chapter 5		

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saunter	v	to walk with a leisurely gait; stroll
disconsolate	adj	without consolation or solace; hopelessly unhappy; inconsolable
boisterously	adv	in a rough and noisy; noisily jolly or rowdy; clamorous; unrestrained way
broach	v	to mention or suggest for the first time
preside	v	to occupy the place of authority or control, as in an assembly or meeting; act as president or chairperson
percale	n	a closely woven, smooth-finished, plain or printed cotton cloth, used for bed sheets, clothing, etc
metropolis	n	any large, busy city
innovation	n	something new or different introduced
tangible	n	capable of being touched; discernible by the touch; material or substantial
temerity	adj	reckless boldness; rashness
Chapter 6		
indulge	v	to yield to, satisfy, or gratify
dilemma	n	any difficult or perplexing situation or problem
fractious	adj	readily angered; peevish; irritable; quarrelsome
disposition	n	the predominant tendency of one's spirits; natural mental and emotional outlook or mood; characteristic attitude
orator	n	a person who delivers an oration; a public speaker, esp. one of great eloquence
eulogy	n	a speech or writing in praise of a person or thing, esp. a set oration in honor of a deceased person
distended	adj	increased, as in size, volume, etc.; expanded; dilated
ponderous	adj	of great weight; heavy; massive
hyperbole	n	obvious and intentional exaggeration
compression	n	the state of being compressed
discomfiture	n	disconcertion; confusion; embarrassment
wallow	v	to live self-indulgently; luxuriate; revel
beseech	v	to beg eagerly for; solicit
submission	n	an act or instance of submitting
chasten	v	to inflict suffering upon for purposes of moral improvement; chastise
scornful	adj	full of scorn; derisive; contemptuous
Chapter 7		
prosperous	adj	having or characterized by financial success or good fortune; flourishing; successful
pugnacious	adj	inclined to quarrel or fight readily; quarrelsome; belligerent; combative
promontory	n	a bluff, or part of a plateau, overlooking a lowland
commiserate	v	to feel or express sorrow or sympathy for; empathize with; pity
irresistible	adj	not resistible; incapable of being resisted or withstood
Chapter 8		
scoundrel	n	an unprincipled, dishonorable person; villain

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menial	adj	lowly and sometimes degrading
relentlessly	adv	that does not relent; unyieldingly severe, strict, or harsh; unrelenting
ostentatiously	adv	characterized by or given to pretentious or conspicuous show in an attempt to impress others
counterpane	n	a quilt or coverlet for a bed; bedspread
lavish	adj	using or giving in great amounts
futile	adj	incapable of producing any result; ineffective; useless; not successful
Chapter 9		
insinuation	n	an indirect or covert suggestion or hint, esp. of a derogatory nature
uninitiated	n	An uninformed, unskilled, or inexperienced person or group of people
dominant	adj	ruling, governing, or controlling; having or exerting authority or influence
resurrection	n	a rising again, as from decay, disuse, etc.; revival
cur	n	a mongrel dog, esp. a worthless or unfriendly one
usurper	n	one who usurps; especially, one who seizes illegally on sovereign power
paunch	n	a large and protruding belly; potbelly
Chapter 10		
swagger	v	to walk or strut with a defiant or insolent air
scimitar	n	a curved, single-edged sword of Oriental origin
gallant	adj	exceptionally polite and attentive to women; courtly
quench	v	to slake, satisfy, or allay
Chapter 11		
temporize	v	to be indecisive or evasive to gain time or delay acting
sullen	adj	showing irritation or ill humor by a gloomy silence or reserve
transfiguration	n	the state of being transfigured
aromatic	adj	having an aroma; fragrant or sweet-scented; odoriferous
Chapter 12		
endurable	adj	capable of being endured; bearable; tolerable
proposition	n	the act of offering or suggesting something to be considered, accepted, adopted, or done
languish		to be or become weak or feeble; droop; fade
Chapter 13		
hypocrite	n	a person who pretends to have virtues, moral beliefs, principles, etc., that he or she does not actually possess
feeble	adj	physically weak, as from age or sickness; frail
Chapter 14		
phosphorescent	adj	emitting light because of exposure to light or radiation
transient	adj	not lasting, enduring, or permanent; transitory
clamor	n	a loud uproar, as from a crowd of people

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suppress	v	to put an end to the activities of a person, body of persons, etc.
Chapter 15		
maul	v	to handle or use roughly
Chapter 16		
compelling	adj	having a powerful and irresistible effect; requiring acute admiration, attention, or respect
luxurious	adj	characterized by luxury; ministering or conducive to luxury
mingle	v	to become mixed, blended, or united
fanatical	adj	motivated or characterized by an extreme, uncritical enthusiasm or zeal, as in religion or politics
sacrilege	n	the violation or profanation of anything sacred or held sacred
dwindle	v	to become smaller and smaller; shrink; waste away
homage	n	respect or reverence paid or rendered
indiscriminate	adj	not discriminating; lacking in care, judgment, selectivity, etc.
unattainable	adj	impossible to attain
seraph	n	a member of the highest order of angels, often represented as a child's head with four pairs of wings
desecrator	n	to divest of sacred or hallowed character or office
transmutation	n	change into another nature, substance, form, or condition
Chapter 17		
pamper	v	to treat or gratify with extreme or excessive indulgence, kindness, or care
stagger	v	to walk, move, or stand unsteadily
fracas	n	a noisy, disorderly disturbance or fight; riotous brawl; uproar
Chapter 18		
lisp	v	to pronounce or speak with a lisp
horde	n	a large group, multitude, number, etc.; a mass or crowd
peevish	adj	showing annoyance, irritation, or bad mood
velocity	n	rapidity of motion or operation; swiftness; speed
turbulent	adj	being in a state of agitation or tumult; disturbed
crude	adj	in a raw or unprepared state; unrefined or natural
oblique	adj	neither perpendicular nor parallel to a given line or surface; slanting; sloping
hackles	n	anger, esp. when aroused in a challenging or challenged manner
Chapter 19		
trifle	v	to deal lightly or without due seriousness or respect
malice	n	desire to inflict injury, harm, or suffering on another because of hostility or out of deep-seated meanness
dishevelment	n	untidiness and disarray
disgorge	v	to eject or throw out from the throat, mouth, or stomach; vomit forth
serum	n	blood serum containing antibodies and used to transfer immunity to another individual

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supplication	n	an act or instance of supplicating; humble prayer, entreaty, or petition
pallet	n	a small or makeshift bed
ferocity	n	a ferocious quality or state; savage fierceness
delirium	n	a temporary disorder of the mental faculties characterized by restlessness, excitement, delusions, etc.
bailiff	n	an officer employed to execute writs and processes, make arrests, keep order in the court, etc
wanton	adj	deliberate and without motive or provocation; uncalled-for; headstrong; willful
Chapter 20		
commenced	v	to begin; start