



William Golding and *Lord of the Flies*



William Golding was born on 19 September 1911 in Cornwall, England. On 19 June 1993, he died in Perranarworthal, Cornwall. He is a well-known British author who wrote novels, plays, and essays. But he also worked as a schoolmaster, lecturer, actor, sailor, and musician. One of his most famous novels, *Lord of the Flies*, was also filmed. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature for his novels.

If you want to learn more about Golding and his work, join us on our journey through the web where you will find a lot of detailed information under http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/qcsebitesize/english_literature/proselordflies.

Read this information carefully and then try to find the right answers to the statements below. If you put the letters in brackets in the right order, you'll get the title of another novel by William Golding. The right order of the numbers in the last four statements will

And here we go. After logging in, click on "Context - Revise" where you'll find the information you need for the first three questions.

1. William Golding studied at
 - Cambridge University.
 - Oxford University.
2. During World War II William Golding served in the
 - Royal Navy.
 - Royal Air Force.
3. William Golding's novel *Lord of the Flies* was published in
 - 1945.
 - 1954.

Lord of the Flies was also translated into German. Do you know the German title?

4. The German title of *Lord of the Flies* is
 - *Herr der Ringe*.
 - *Herr der Fliegen*.

Now we turn to the plot of *Lord of the Flies*. Click on "Plot – Revise" and there you can read chapter by chapter a short summary of what happens in each of the 12 chapters. We will ask you one question about each chapter. However, we'll start with a general question about the plot.



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5. The boys came to the island
- because they were stranded there after an accident.
 - during a holiday trip.

And now we'll navigate through the chapters.

6. Chapter 1: Sound of the Shell
Jack, Ralph and Simon explore the island
- to see if other people live there.
 - to find a place where they can build huts.
7. Chapter 2: Fire on the Mountain
They light the fire
- with the matches Ralph has in his pocket.
 - with the help of Piggy's glasses.
8. Chapter 3: Huts on the Beach
While Jack is hunting, Ralph
- and the other boys are swimming in the lagoon.
 - is building shelters with Simon.
9. Chapter 4: Painted Faces and Long Hair
Ralph spots a ship on the horizon, but the ship's captain can't see them because
- Jack and his hunters let the fire go out.
 - it is a foggy day.
10. Chapter 5: Beast from Water
Everyone is frightened because
- they are alone on the island without any grown-ups around.
 - they think that there is a beast on the island.
11. Chapter 6: Beast from Air
The beast coming down is
- a dead parachutist who was shot in an air battle.
 - a huge bird.
12. Chapter 7: Shadows and Tall Trees
The game Jack and his hunters play is
- hide and seek.
 - kill the pig.



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13. Chapter 8: A Gift for the Darkness

Jack and his hunters leave the head of the pig that they have finally killed

- on the beach as food for the seagulls.
- on a stick in a clearing.

14. Chapter 9: A View to a Death

Sam and Eric have gone to Jack's group

- to get meat.
- to go hunting with them.

15. Chapter 10: The Shell and the Glasses

When Jack and two of his hunters attack the shelters of the other boys they

- take Piggy's glasses with them.
- scream like savages and wake the sleeping boys up.

16. Chapter 11: Castle Rock

Piggy is killed

- when he falls down from the cliff because he can't see without glasses.
- by a rock that Roger throws down from the cliff.

17. Chapter 12: Cry of the Hunters

A naval officer has landed on the island

- because he has seen the smoke.
- because he was sent there by the boys' parents.

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Year Golding was awarded the Nobel Prize:

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We've come to the end of our virtual journey. We hope you enjoyed it. There is a lot more information on this website. For instance, you can watch and listen to the summary of the chapters in a video.