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Lord of the Flies: Chapter 6 – Beast from Air

Starter: Rules, Fear, and Breakdown

Complete these questions to recap the previous assembly and explore the central conflict on the island.

1. Why does the assembly break down at the end of Chapter 5? Tick **one**.

- [ ] A storm washes away the shelters.
- [ ] Jack defies the conch and leads a hunt for ghosts and beasts.
- [ ] A ship arrives on the horizon.

2. What does Jack believe about the beast?

- [ ] It does not exist at all.
- [ ] If it exists, his hunters will hunt and kill it.
- [ ] It is an imaginary creature made up by Piggy.

3. Are rules important in a society? Explain **two** reasons why rules are necessary.

4. If the boys stop listening to Ralph, what do you predict will happen next on the island? Give a reason for your prediction.

Activity 1: Quotation Hunter

Read the short extract below from the end of Chapter 5 / start of Chapter 6, then complete the questions.

"If you're scared of someone you hate him but you can't stop thinking about him. You kid yourself he's all right really, an' then when you see him—it's like asthma an' you can't breathe... I tell you, he hates you too, Ralph."

"Fat lot of good we are," said Ralph. "Three blind mice. I'll give up."

"If you give up," said Piggy, in an appalled whisper, "what 'ud happen to me?"

"I ought to give up being chief. Hear 'em."

"Oh lord! Oh no!" Piggy gripped Ralph's arm. "If Jack was chief he'd have all hunting and no fire. We'd be here till we died."

"I wish my auntie was here."

"I wish my father... Oh, what's the use? ...If only they could send us something grownup... a sign or something."

1. Find and copy **one direct quotation** from the extract that proves Piggy is terrified of Jack.

2. Find and copy **one direct quotation** that shows Ralph or Piggy desperately wishing for adult rules, rescue, and order to return.

3. Explain your choice: Why does Ralph's plea for a "sign" or "something grownup" show that the boys' own rules are failing?

Activity 2: Sam and Eric's Report of the Beast

In Chapter 6, Samneric tend the fire on the mountain in the dark and flee in terror from the dead parachutist. Read from *"Neither of the boys screamed"* to *"We'd better take spears."*

Complete the evidence chart below to track how the twins describe the creature versus how the boys respond.

What Sam and Eric Claim *(Their description of the beast's appearance & actions)*	How the Other Boys React *(Emotional reaction, Jack's response, Ralph's response)*

Activity 3: Analytical Writing Task

Use your findings from today's lesson to answer the following question in **one to two detailed paragraphs**:

Success Criteria: State a clear point; embed at least one short quotation; explain how fear undermines Ralph's authority; use literary vocabulary (e.g. *paranoia*, *savagery*, *fragility*, *symbolism*).

Answers

Starter:

1. Jack defies the conch and leads a hunt for ghosts and beasts.

2. If it exists, his hunters will hunt and kill it.

3. Accept sensible explanations: rules prevent chaos and harm; they protect weaker members (like Piggy); they maintain shared goals (like rescue).

4. Without Ralph's rules, Jack will seize power, hunting will replace rescue/fire, and violence/savagery will escalate.

Activity 1:

1. Accept either: *"it's like asthma an' you can't breathe"* or *"If Jack was chief he'd have all hunting and no fire. We'd be here till we died"* or *"If you give up... what 'ud happen to me?"*

2. Accept either: *"If only they could send us something grownup... a sign or something"* or *"I wish my auntie was here."*

3. Ralph recognises that the boys can no longer govern themselves; their authority is collapsing, so they look outward to the adult world for guidance and discipline.

Activity 2:

What Sam and Eric claim: The beast followed them, moved through trees, has fur, wings, eyes, claws, teeth, and sat up on the mountain.

How the boys react: The assembly falls into collective terror; the littluns cry; Jack seizes on the fear to demand a hunt with spears; Ralph struggles to balance the search with maintaining the fire.

Activity 3 (Writing Task Model Points): High-level responses should note that the 'beast from air' is literally a dead adult soldier, ironising Ralph's plea for a 'sign'. Fear blinds the boys to reality (Samneric distorting the parachute into claws and teeth), allowing Jack to exploit their dread to undermine Ralph's democratic rules in favour of brute force.