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Lord of the Flies Chapter 3 Questions

1. **What are Ralph and Simon doing at the beginning of this chapter? Why is this important? What is Jack doing? Is this more important? What are most of the other boys doing?** Ralph and Simon are building huts in the beginning of the chapter. Then, Jack is hunting for food. Both tasks are important, but I believe that Jack has the more important duty since he is providing the food for the people. Then, the other boys and littluns are not doing anything since they’re lazy and won’t contribute to the island. I could tell Jack was hunting for food since in chapter 3, page 49, it says, “Jack stood there, streaming with sweat, streaked with brown earth, strained by the vicissitudes of a day’s hunting.” This shows that Jack was hunting that day.

2. **In your opinion, what are the 3 most important goals. Why? List them in order, so that you have a #1. Have some depth of thought.** The most important goal is being able to provide food for the group. This is since food is a human necessity and is required for the boys to remain alive. Food fuels the body and mind. Then, the second most important goal is shelter and warmth. Although I believe that this is important, it is not important as food. Shelter protects you from the chaotic environment and climate, while warmth keeps your body from shutting down. Then, the third most important goal is to maintain regulations and to work on getting off the island. Maintaining order is important since if somebody isn’t doing what they’re supposed to be doing, then everybody else will be behind on their work too. Next, working towards rescue is important since I assume none of the boys would want to live on the island forever, so finding a way to get off the island would be pretty significant for them.

3. **What does Jack think is most important? Think about this closely...** I believe that Jack thinks that hunting for food is the most important. This is because he could not kill the pig and was embarrassed. He was very ashamed that he wasn’t able to and wanted to show everyone that he is capable. This is shown on page 51 of chapter 3, when Jack says, “’But I shall! Next time! I’ve got to get a barb on this spear! We wounded pig and the spear fell out. If we could only make barbs-‘” This proves that Jack thinks that hunting is the most important, as he values hunting over building shelter.

4. **While the other boys are fighting and arguing, what does Simon do? What can we infer about him based on this action? How is he different from the majority of the other boys?** While the other boys are arguing and fighting, Simon is working on the shelter. Simon is very cooperative and supportive on the island. Based on this action, we can infer that Simon is helpful and has the determination, along with the motivation to do stuff on the island. He is different from the other boys because he is helpful, although he has a fainting condition. Furthermore, textual evidence that shows that Simon was still working on the shelter when the boys were arguing was when on page 50 of chapter 3, it states, “He flung himself down at Jack’s fete. Simon remained, looking out of the hole in the shelter…” This shows that Simon still kept building the shelter as the boys were arguing.

5. **Describe the spot Simon finds in the jungle. How does this place accentuate his character traits?** The spot that Simon finds in the jungle is peaceful and full of nature. This place emphasizes on Simon’s character traits because he is the calm, supportive boy of the island. A description of the spot Simon finds is on page 56, “He came at last to a place where more sunshine fell. Since they had not so far to go for light the creepers had woven a great mat that hung at the side of an open space in the jungle; for here a patch of rock came close to the surface and would not allow more than little plants and ferns to grow. The whole space was walled with dark aromatic bushes and was a bowl of heat and light.” This quote explains the location that Simon had found.