

# Literary: Lord of the Flies

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Hello and welcome to Lord of the Flies Literary Crisis Committee! Your dais has been working planning this committee for a very long time, and we are so excited to get to share the best committee ever with you! We look forward to getting to know all of you, so let us begin by introducing ourselves.

Our chair, Zayd, came to McGill after growing up in Bangladesh and Swaziland, and is now a third year majoring in Math and Economics which he hopes will lead him to a future career in micro finance. In his spare time, Zayd loves to play squash, watch tennis, and read history. He got involved with Model UN because of a need to find an outlet for his passion of debating and current events. He came to this committee because Lord of the Flies is his favorite book, specifically the cynical all-innocence-will-inevitably-be-poisoned part. Zayd brings us his mathematical mind, his propensity for game-winning strategy, and his love of bildungsromans, to make sure this committee runs as smoothly and efficiently as Federer's one-handed backhand.

The other half of our gavel-smashing duo, our Vice Chair Robin, is fourth year Honours International Development Studies major, with a minor in Management. She has been involved in Model UN for three years, so watch out: this girl knows RoPs like other people know their ABCs. Robin first read The Lord of the Flies in her 10<sup>th</sup> grade English class, where they alternated book chapters with episodes of Lost, which as you can imagine, has led to some very interesting dais planning sessions...

Our Crisis Director, Bella, is a fourth year student completing a Joint Honours Political Science and History degree, with minors in Italian and Hispanic Languages. She only discovered how awesome Model UN was while at McGill (silly her right?) but what she lacks in years, she makes up for in the variety of awesome committees she's worked on; most recently, she organized the joint literary crisis at SSUNS 2014, 1984 v Brave New World. That great experience, combined with her opinion that Lord of the Flies may be the most weirdly, disturbingly genius book ever written, led her to this committee. Bella lives for crisis - rivalries and betrayals, secrets and crisis notes, costumes and those super fun foam swords - don't worry, she's got it all planned for you.

Bella couldn't do it without her partner-in-crime, Assistant Crisis Director Marianne. Every time Bella gets a crazy idea, this second year Psychology major gets a crazier one. Marianne's full list of Model UN committees would probably double the length of this letter, so just trust us when we say she's a pro. Marianne says she thinks all the themes discussed in Lord of the Flies will be very interesting played out in a Model UN debate, which we translate to mean that her Psych-major brain is looking forward to watching all of you delegates descending into madness.

We are sure you'll have as much fun debating and scheming in this committee as we had cooking it all up. So read the novel, read the background guide, and read your secret dossiers and we'll see you on that deserted island!

Much love,  
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*"The boys try to construct a civilization on the island; but it breaks down in blood and terror because the boys are suffering from the disease of being human."*

**William Golding**



**You** wake up in total disarray. It is extremely bright and you're lying amidst metal wreckage. You try sitting up and trying to make of sense of your surroundings. Looks like a plane crash. You have absolutely no idea where you are or how you ended up there. You look around; there is a beach ahead of you and a jungle behind you. Your throat is parched and your stomach grumbling but you have no food or water. No phones, no radios and no one to call or relay your situation to. But wait...amidst the wreckage you see other familiar faces slowly moving

about. All of them look just as confused as you do.

You know the names of some of the boys. You're stomach grumbles again and you still haven't found clean water. In the distance the sun is slowly setting. The night will soon be upon you and the fears of what lurks in the darkness will begin to creep in. You need to act fast in order to survive. There are no adults who you can go to. Amongst you are many boys, some your age, some older, some younger, some strong, some weak and some intelligent and others less.





The younger ones will need taking care of. Terror and confusion are rife within the group; anarchy is always around the corner. You will need to ponder, whether or not you want to live in a group or go off on your own, because who knows what lies beyond the thick of the forest behind you...Your primary goal is your own individual survival before anything else.

You need to decide what to do to survive. The decisions you make are very important. You could

try salvaging whatever you can from the wreck and go off on your own. But there could be wild animals and other dangerous beasts. One thing for sure there is safety in numbers with these other humans. It is obvious that the older boys have to be more responsible now. They need to set up some sort of a system, a sort of government where order is maintained. (Older boys who show this sort of leadership skills and ability will be encouraged to become the head of the pack)



You should also not forget about the weather. The day was bright and beautiful but you can feel your skin slightly burning from the all the sun. How do you protect yourself from a heat stroke or dehydration? What about at night? How cold does it get? And if you're on a deserted island in the middle of the ocean, what do you do during storms? You will need to protect yourselves from the wrath of the elements.



completely different, but whatever you do it must help you to survive.

Once you form a government, you will need to organize yourselves to help you survive. Some of you will need to gather food. This includes hunting and foraging for fruits. Some of you will need to stay build shelters and some of you will need to build some sort of a signal fire to help with your rescue. Or you may decide to do something





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### **Note to the delegates:**

The important thing to understand in this committee is that you are not restricted by your age or strength. Rather you are rewarded based on what you contribute to the society and this new civilization that you have built regardless of your age or physical abilities.





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