

Lord of the Flies: characters

Match the character name in the boxes below to the description of each character.
Write the name in the box provided.

Ralph	Simon	Eric	Roger	Jack
Percival	Piggy	Maurice	Johnny	Robert
Ralph	Jack	Piggy	Henry	

	<p>He is one of the littluns. This boy likes playing. He enjoys being on the beach and building sandcastles. He is fascinated by the creatures in the sea and becomes absorbed as he ‘felt himself exercising control over living things.’</p>
	<p>This boy is crucial to our appreciation of the novel. He is associated with different objects and through these objects, Golding is able to make some serious points about how the boys organize themselves. He abides by the rules and believes that without them, they have nothing. He hates Jack Merridew.</p>
	<p>He bends down ‘like a sprinter’ – he has a real hunger in his eye and a taste for adventure. There is arrogance in his voice and he assumes superiority over the other boys. He is indifferent to keeping the fire going. When he sees his reflection with patches of red and white on his face, he doesn’t like it. He washes it away to reveal freckles and sandy eyebrows.</p>
	<p>Things do not make any sense for this boy. He tries to be fair but becomes increasingly angry when the boys do not work together. He complains that not everybody is contributing to the smooth running of their little society. He appeals for calm, justice and common sense. Going on the run and being hunted was not part of his plan.</p>
	<p>This littlun needs reassurance. He is shy and reluctant to talk. However, when Ralph speaks to him in a soft tone he tells us his name and where he is from. He is anxious about the beast and he cries uncontrollably as if ‘a spring had been tapped.’</p>
	<p>He is an intelligent boy who has an instinct for doing the sensible thing. He often gets overlooked despite the fact that he has bright ideas which would make life much easier. He is a natural carer and he is concerned about the welfare of others. He is realistic and not afraid to talk openly about what has happened on the island, even if it is bad. He is a victim and is bullied.</p>

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	<p>Amongst the choir boys he is next in size to Jack. He is broad and has a cheeky grin. When he throws sand into Percival's face he feels guilty because he knows that he has done wrong. He tries to lighten the mood of the meetings by being silly, trying to make the littluns laugh. He sides with Jack and becomes one of the hunters.</p>
	<p>One of the littluns. He has a bright face and trusts Ralph. He is reassured when the older boys make positive decisions about being on the island. He sucks his thumb and he trusts Piggy.</p>
	<p>He is a minor character. He likes fooling around and having a good time; sometimes he takes the role of a pig when they are play-acting. He likes hunting, which is why he decides to side with Jack. He helps to skewer the carcass of the pig.</p>
	<p>He is a complex individual who wears a black cape and a cap with a golden badge. He often appears to have little patience and he gives orders in an authoritative manner. He enjoys his freedom on the island and behaves as if it is one big game. He is obsessed with hunting.</p>
	<p>This boy is slight and furtive. He keeps himself to himself and we sometimes have the feeling that he has a secret. He has a gloomy face and he becomes increasingly restless and aggressive. He throws a stone at Henry. He misses. He then picks up more stones and starts throwing again.</p>
	<p>He is a small boy and when we meet him for the first time he makes the crowd laugh. He helps with the shelters and this is appreciated. He remains loyal, even when he is tied up and frightened. Towards the end of the novel he demonstrates how to achieve a 'faint ululation' by beating on his open mouth.</p>
	<p>He is a laconic boy but what he has to say is significant and important. He thinks logically and sensibly. He likes his own company and often wanders off on his own. In one truly terrifying moment he is mistaken for the beast.</p>
	<p>He often falls into 'strange moods of speculation.' He gets frustrated with the other boys because he feels that they do not show enough common sense. He tries to keep everybody calm when the beastie becomes the topic of conversation. A 'curtain' sometimes flickers in his brain.</p>