

# ***Lord of the Flies***

A story about English children stranded on a deserted island following evacuation of their school during a nuclear destruction. They have no adult supervision and must learn to govern themselves.

**Ideas include:** good and evil, and order and chaos

William Golding has chosen the names of his characters with special care. In most cases the root meaning of a name is related to the personality of the character. The meanings are in brackets.

## **RALPH** (counsel)

- holds group meetings to share his power as leader
- a blond twelve year old
- strong belief that someone will come to rescue them
- insists the boys keep a fire going as a signal to passing boats
- shows fairness and common sense

## **JACK** (one who takes over by force)

- has the most conflict with Ralph.
- tall and thin, with red hair and freckles
- leader of the choir
- cruel
- military or authoritarian power
- jealous when the boys don't elect him as leader
- a bully
- uses force and fear to control