

50 minutes  
↳ 10 minutes - plan  
↳ 35 minutes - writing  
↳ 5 minutes - checking

① Introduction  
② 3-4 PEEL Paragraphs  
↳ context  
↳ theme  
③ Conclusion

**William Golding: Lord of the Flies**

OR

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How does Golding present **Ralph** as a **leader** in *Lord of the Flies*?

Write about:

- what Ralph **says and does** as a leader
- how Golding uses Ralph to explore ideas about **leadership**.

[30 marks]  
AO4 [4 marks]

① Democratic leader → voting  
↳ "we ought to have a chief"  
"I ought to be chief"

Context: Ralph → Neville Chamberlain (UK)  
Jack → Adolf Hitler (Germany)

'Ralph wept for the end of innocence, the darkness of man's heart...'

What does Golding have to say about human nature in *Lord of the Flies*?

Write about:

- how the boys behave on the island
- how Golding uses the boys' behaviour to explore ideas about human nature.

[30 marks]  
AO4 [4 marks]

② Naively optimistic about the boys' ability to follow rules  
"ought to have more rules"  
"we're not savages"  
Theme: civilisation + barbaric values

③ Increasingly weak leader who succumbs to Jack's stronger tribe  
"Things are breaking up. I don't understand why"  
"Kill the beast!"  
Theme: evil

④ Horrified to discover the dark side of human nature  
"wept for the end of innocence"  
Context: Golding → WW2

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## Lord of the Flies:

### Model Answer

Within the novel, "Lord of the Flies," Ralph, who is the story's central protagonist is presented as an ideal democratic leader. We learn that he embodies the democratic and egalitarian beliefs of a civilised society. Yet we realise that Ralph is a weak leader, who eventually is usurped by the far more brutal ~~and~~ leadership of Jack. Whilst the boys initially follow Ralph, they all eventually succumb ~~to~~ to the overwhelming force of Jack and we learn that Ralph's leadership is flawed.

Firstly, Ralph from the outset of the novel is depicted by Golding as a likeable, democratic leader. He is affable and he moves quickly to establish rules - including how the boys must use the conch when addressing each other and he even proposes a vote for leadership that he wins. Ralph asserts that "we ought to have a chief to decide things." Even if Jack nominates himself by asserting that "I ought to be chief," Ralph still wins the vote. It is immediately evident to us as readers that Ralph's

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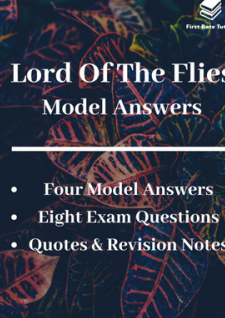
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