

Can you imagine being stranded on an island? It must be horrible. But I guess it wouldn't be if you are a child. There are no adults around to give rules or tell you what to do. You could play all day, sleep all night and do whatever you want. In the novel, "Lord of the Flies", by William Golding, a group of young boys become stranded on an island after a plane crash. He demonstrates what would happen to them by showing the parts of "Freud's Model of the Human Psyche", id, ego and the super ego, in some of the boys.

In the novel "Lord of the Flies", Jack is portrayed as the Id. In "Psychology for Dummies", it states, "The id contains all of our most basic animal and primitive impulses that demand satisfaction," (pg.1). Jack is portrayed as the id because he shows the most desire for hunting and he drives the other children to go to a primitive savageness. In the novel "Lord of the Flies", Jack says, "Bollocks to the rules! Were strong-we hunt! If there's a beast we'll hunt it down! We'll close in and beat and beat!" (pg.91) Jacks the most savage and uncontrollable one there so he has to be the id.

William Golding uses the character, "Piggy", as the ego in "Lord of the Flies" According to Freud's Model of the Human Psyche", the ego is the problem solver. In "Psychology: An Introduction 10th Ed." it states "The ego's goal is to help the id fulfill his needs". In "Lord of the Flies" Piggy helps Ralph fulfill his needs by giving him the idea to bring the fire down from the mountain. In "Lord of the Flies", Piggy says, "We got no fire on the mountain, but what's wrong with fire down here?" Piggy, being the ego just satisfied the ids desire for the fire by giving it a solution to its dilemma so there's no doubt that he is the ego

In "Lord of the Flies" Ralph is shown as the superego. According to "Psychology: An Introduction 10th Ed." , the super ego is "that part of the mind that opposes the desired of the id by enforcing moral restrictions and by striving to attain perfection" (Pg. 414). Ralph is enforcing

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moral restrictions by trying to stop the children from playing around and slacking off so they can keep the fire going so they can get saved. In "Lord of the Flies", Ralph says, "Can't they see? Can't they understand? Without the smoke signal we'll die here? Look at that!" (pg.139). He is stating the consequences of what they're doing. If they don't keep the fire going for the smoke signal then they will surely not achieve their goal of being saved. Ralph is the only one who has been focused on the goal the whole time so he must be super ego.

In conclusion, William Golding expresses Freud's Model of the Human Psyche in his book called "Lord of the Flies" through the characters Jack, Piggy and Ralph. He demonstrates what would happen if kids were stranded alone on an island by showing id ego and superego in some of the kids.

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