**Lord of the Flies Character Traits**

**Students will be able to:** Critically analyze main characters and their role in the novel; Discuss the intentions of the author; Relate the novel to real-life; Determine the complexity of the effects of power individualistically and as a group

**Characters Included:** Ralph, Jack, Simon, Piggy

**Activity:** Students will split up into groups, and be given Ziploc bags of pre-written adjectives that are possible character traits. As a group, the students will choose what traits describe which characters best, and place it on that character’s board. The character board can be a drawing of the character made by the class or simply a posterboard with the character’s name written on it. Students will also have their own (1 or 2) blank slips in which they should write their own adjective and place it on a character (can be done for homework or in class, and/or decided as a group or determined individually).

**Possible discussion questions:**

* Why did you (your group) choose to put the characteristics on each character?
* Were there any characteristics you (your group) had a hard time choosing where to place?
* What are the “good” qualities to have? (Aggressive, eccentric, innocent, etc).
* If you were on a desert island, which one of the characters would you choose to team up with and why?
* Why didn’t the author include female characters?
* Why did the author choose well-educated children, as opposed to adults?
* Is this novel realistic?
* Are any of these characters comparable to real-life people? (Celebrities, politicians, etc)

**Assessment**: Students can choose to write a rational of the character trait they wrote themselves, or answer one of the discussion questions in one paragraph.

Brave

Scared

Leader

Follower

Sadistic

Nice

Mature

Bright

Resourceful

Thoughtful

Caring

Weak

Strong

Passive

Aggressive

Articulate

Inarticulate

Eccentric

Lamentable

Intimidating

Animalistic

Condescending

Egotistical

Mean

Arrogant

Smart

Amiable

Calm

Level-Headed

Innocent

Positive

Tranquil