*LORD OF THE FLIES*

CLOSE READING ON LEADERSHIP

This toy of voting was almost as pleasing as the conch. Jack started to protest but the clamor changed from the general wish for a chief to an election by acclaim of Ralph himself. None of the boys could have found good reason for this; intelligence had been shown was traceable to Piggy while the most obvious leader was Jack. But there was a stillness about Ralph as he sat that marked him out: there was his size, and attractive appearance; and most obscurely, yet most powerfully, there was the conch. The being that had blown that, had sat waiting for them on the platform with the delicate thing balanced on his knees, was set apart (21).

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| Concrete Detail | Commentary Question | Answers |
| 1. “toy of voting” | What is the connotation of the word “toy”? How do the boys approach the idea of voting? |  |
| 1. “The clamor changed from the general wish for a chief to an election by acclaim of Ralph himself” | Why do you think the boys choose Ralph so quickly? |  |
| 1. “None of the boys could have found good reason for this” | What needs compel the boys to elect a chief without “good reason”? |  |
| 1. “there was a stillness about Ralph” | What qualities are indicated by the idea of “stillness”? |  |
| 1. “most powerfully, there was the conch” | What draws the boys to the conch as a symbol of power? |  |
| 1. “set apart” | Why do you think the boys need to set one person apart from the others? |  |