**Quotations for Symbolism**

**Conch – Starts as a symbol of democracy and equality until Jack denies its power. It is destroyed with Piggy’s death and replaced by the symbol of the Beast.**

Chap 1 Piggy - “We can use this to call the others.”

Chap 2 Ralph – “I’ll give the conch to the next person to speak.”

Chap 2 Piggy – “’ I go the conch,’ said Piggy indignantly. ‘You let me speak!’”

Chap 5 Ralph – “If I blow the conch and they don’t come back; then we’ve had it”

Chap 6 Jack – “we don’t need the conch any more. We know who ought to say things”

Chap 8 Piggy -“When I saw Jack I was sure he’d go for the conch. Can’t think why.”

Chap 11 Piggy – “You let me carry the conch, Ralph. I’ll show him the one thing he hasn’t got.”

Chap 11 – “the conch exploded into a thousand white framnets and ceased to exist.”

Chap 12 – “looked steadily at the skull that gleamed as white as ever the conch had done”

**Fire – Rescue and Hope. Eating and Destruction.**

Chap 2 – Ralph “So we must make smoke on top of the mountain. We must make a fire.”

Chap 2 – “flames as though they were a kind of wild life, crept as a jaguar creeps on its belly”

Chap 4 – “The fire was dead”

Chap 8 – Ralph “The fire’s the most important thing. Without the fire we can’t be rescued.”

Chap 10 – Ralph “We don’t want another night without fire.”

Chap 12 – “Smoke was seeping through the branches”

Chap 12 – Ralph “The fools! The fools! The fire must be almost at the fruit trees – what would they eat to-morrow?”

**Glasses – sight and reason, associated with Piggy. Used to start a fire of hope, fire for cooking and eventually fire to destroy the island. The blindness of Piggy symbolises loss of direction as savagery takes over.**

Chap 2 – Jack “His specs – use them as burning glasses!”

Chap 4 – “Piggy’s glasses flew off and tinkled on the rocks.”

Chap 4 – Piggy “One side’s broken.”

Chap 10 – Piggy “I only got one eye now.”

Chap 10 – “From his left hand dangled Piggy’s broken glasses.”

**Mask – hides the true self – represents defiance of social norms**

Chap 4 – “He made one cheek and one eye-socket white, then he rubbed red over the other half of his face and slashed a black bar of charcoal across from right ear to left jaw.”

Chap 4 – “ the mask was a thing on its own, behind which Jack hid, liberated from shame and self-consciousness.”

Chap 8 – “He was safe from shame or self-consciousness behind the mask of his paint” (Jack)

Chap 9 – “Jack, painted and garlanded sat there like an idol.”

Chap 11 – Eric “But they’ll be painted! You know how it is-“

**Beast – All the things they fear. Fear of being a victim leads to aggression.**

Chap 2 – “He wants to know what you’re going to do about the snake-thing.”

Chap 2 – Jack “Ralph’s right of course. There isn’t a snake-thing. But if there was a snake we’d hunt it and kill it.”

Chap 5 – Ralph “The thing is – fear can’t hurt you any more than a dream. There aren’t any beasts to be afraid of on this island.”

Chap 6 – Samneric “The beast moved too-”

“That was awful. It kind of sat up-“

Chap 6 – (Simon) “felt a flicker of incredulity – a beast with claws that scratched that sat on a mountain-top, that left no tracks and yet was not fast enough to catch Samneric.”

Chap 8 – “When we kill we’ll leave some of the kill for it.” (Jack)

Chap 9 – (Simon) “The beast was harmless and horrible; and the news must reach the others as soon as possible.”

Chap 9 – *“Kill the beast! Cut his throat! Spill his blood!”*

**Lord of the Flies – the devil (evil within)**

All quotations taken from chapter 8

“The pile of guts was a black blob of flies that buzzed like a saw.”

“the Lord of the Flies hung on his stick and grinned.

“’You are a silly little boy.’ Said the Lord of the Flies”

“You knew, didn’t you? I’m part of you?”

“The Lord of the Flies spoke in the voice of a schoolmaster.”