AQA English Literature GCSE

Lord of the Flies - Key Terms

Flashcards

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What is an allegory?

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What is an allegory?

A story, character, setting or object which alludes to wider moral, social or political messages.

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What is anarchy?

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What is anarchy?

Anarchy means a society without a government, laws, or a ruling leader.

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What is an allusion?

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What is an allusion?

An indirect reference to a concept or theme without explicit mention.

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What is an antagonist?

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What is an antagonist?

A person who is strongly opposed to something or someone.

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What is antithesis?

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What is antithesis?

A rhetorical device where contrasting concepts are placed together in a text, typically a sentence, to highlight how opposite they are.

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What is alliteration?

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What is alliteration?

The repetition of the same consonant sounds at the start of words, often creating a staccato rhythm.

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What are biblical parallels?

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What are biblical parallels?

A moment in the story which has strong similarities to a story from the Bible.

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What does chaos mean?

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What does chaos mean?

A state of confusion and disorder.

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What does connotation mean?

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What does connotation mean?

Using text to create implied meaning without explicitly referring to said meaning.

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What does consonance mean?

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What does consonance mean?

The repetition of consonant sounds anywhere within words close to each other in a sentence, often creating a harsh sound.

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What is coercion?

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What is coercion?

To compel someone,

the government by force / intimidation

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What is democracy?

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What is democracy?

Democracy, literally, rule by the people.

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What is foreshadowing?

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What is foreshadowing?

To act as a warning or sign of a future event.

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What is idyll / idyllic?

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What is idyll / idyllic?

An idyllic place or experience is extremely pleasant, beautiful, or peaceful.

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What is hyperbole?

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What is hyperbole?

Use of exaggerated statements.

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What does inherent/ innate evil mean?

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What does inherent/ innate evil mean?

Inherent/ innate evil means that a person or thing is born bad from the start. This trait cannot be changed by society, rules, or time.

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What is a microcosm?

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What is a microcosm?

A miniature version of the world / universe.

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What is metonymy?

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What is metonymy?

A figure of speech used to refer to an object, concept or person.

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What is morality?

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What is morality?

A set of values about what is right/ good and wrong/evil.

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What does ostracise mean?

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What does ostracise mean?

To exclude or banish (a person) from a particular group or society.

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What does sadistic mean?

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What does sadistic mean?

Sadistic means getting pleasure or joy from hurting other people or making them suffer. The pain can be physical or mental.

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What is symbolism?

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What is symbolism?

Using one object or character to represent a wider concept running throughout the novel.

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What does epitome mean?

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What does epitome mean?

The perfect or ultimate embodiment of a quality.

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What is irony?

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What is irony?

Embedding a meaning by using language typically implying the opposite of what the writer is intending to express, often for a humorous effect.

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What is sibilance?

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What is sibilance?

Repetition of “s” sounds.

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What is juxtaposition?

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What is juxtaposition?

Comparing two concepts, characters, or clauses, in close proximity in the passage for the effect of contrast.

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What is foreboding?

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What is foreboding?

Apprehension that a bad event will occur.

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What is tricolon?

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What is tricolon?

Three parallel phrases or words that are placed in succession within a text, without interruption.

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What is auditory imagery?

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What is auditory imagery?

A type of sensory imagery; language which appeals to the reader's hearing.

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What is an oxymoron?

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What is an oxymoron?

Two opposing terms are placed next to each other.

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What is alliteration?

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What is alliteration?

Repetition of the same sound, usually letter, in close succession.

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What is an archetype?

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What is an archetype?

A common character type who possesses traits typical of their role.

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What is assonance?

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What is assonance?

The repetition of vowel sounds (a, e, i, o, u) within words close to each other, often creating emphasis or musicality.

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What is a colloquialism?

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What is a colloquialism?

An informal phrase common at its time of utterance.

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What is parallelism?

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What is parallelism?

The use of grammatically identical or similar components repeated in a sentence or multiple sentences.

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What is dichotomy?

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What is dichotomy?

Contrast of two beings that are opposed or distinctly different.

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What is a novella?

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What is a novella?

A short novel, roughly 20,000 - 40,000 words.

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What is a conventional detective novel?

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What is a conventional detective novel?

A subgenre of mystery & crime fiction, typically featuring a hero who is the investigator of the case and who eventually uncovers the truth.

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What is the exposition?

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What is the exposition?

The beginning of a text. It provides all the background information required to understand the forthcoming plot and the characters involved.

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What is terror?

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What is terror?

A feeling of anticipation and dread observed before an experience which induces horror.

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What is morality?

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What is morality?

Awareness of the principles of right and wrong conduct.

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What is duality?

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What is duality?

Simultaneously displaying two halves, with the two halves often being opposite meanings.

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What is catharsis?

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What is catharsis?

Relief derived from releasing repressed emotion.

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What are idiosyncrasies?

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What are idiosyncrasies?

Behaviours of an individual which are peculiar or unique to them.

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What is a round character?

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What is a round character?

A complex character.

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What does syntactic mean?

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What does syntactic mean?

Relating to the arrangement of words within a sentence within a text.

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What does imperialism mean?

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What does imperialism mean?

The act of extending a nation's power, often through acquiring territories (colonialism).

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What is a façade?

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What is a façade?

An exterior pretense.

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What is a binary?

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What is a binary?

Something which consists of two parts.

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What is a olfactory imagery?

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What is olfactory imagery?

Imagery which appeals to the reader's sense of smell.

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What is a motif?

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What is a motif?

A recurring image, idea or symbol throughout the novella.

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