

Jack: Key Quotes and Moments

Quotes

'Inside the floating cloak he was tall, thin and bony; and his hair red beneath the black cap' (Ch1)

"I ought to be chief" said Jack with simple arrogance' (Ch 1)

'Ralph and Jack looked at each other while society paused around them' (Ch 2)

'eyes that in frustration seemed bolting and nearly mad' (Ch 3)

'The mask compelled them' (Ch 4)

"Bollocks to the rules" (Ch 5)

'The desire to squeeze and hunt was over mastering' (Ch 7)

"Jack" A taboo was evolving round that word too' (Ch 8)

'The Chief' (Ch 10 onwards)

'A little boy who wore the extraordinary black cap upon his red hair and who carried the remains of a pair of spectacles at his waist, started forward, then changed his mind and stood still' (Ch 12)

Events

Jack attempts to seize power at the first meeting (Ch 1)

Jack hunts for the first time attempting to kill a pig but failing (Ch 3)

Jack hunts successfully and kills a pig but lets the fire go out (Ch 4)

Jack breaks one lens of Piggy's glasses (Ch 4)

Jack breaks up meeting at the beach (Ch 5)

Jack, Ralph and Roger climb the mountain, run away from parachutist they think is the beast (Ch 7)

Jack leaves to form his own tribe (Ch 8)

Jack sneaks up to Piggy and steals his spectacles (Ch 10)

Ralph confronts Jack – Piggy dies (Ch 11)

Jack becomes little boy again as the boys are rescued by the naval officer (Ch 12)

Jack's Quotes

- * "Choir! stand still!" the choir obey, "wearily obedient", p27
- * "Shut up fatty" [to piggy], p28
- * 'The freckles on Jacks face disappeared under a blush of mortification' [when Ralph is picked as leader], p30
- * "Almost too heavy." Jack grinned back. "Not for the two of us.", p51
- * 'Jack dragged his eyes away from the fire', p58
- * 'He raised his spear and sneaked forward.', p62
- * 'The convulsion to track down and kill was swallowing him up.', p65
- * "They're batty" [dismissing the boys fear of the beast]
- * 'a darker shadow crept beneath...but Jack noticed nothing', p78
- * 'The mask...liberated from shame and self consciousness.'
- * 'Jack smacked Piggy's head', p89
- * 'He drew himself up. "I apologise."', p90
- * "you little'uns started this."
- * "Bollocks to the rules! We're strong – we hunt!", p114
- * "But he's, he's Jack Merridew!", P116
- * "We don't need the conch anymore. We know who ought to say things. What good did Simon do speaking, or Bill, or Walter? It's time some people knew they've got to keep quiet and leave deciding things to the rest of us.", p126
- * 'Ralph was content to follow Jack along', p135

- * 'There were droppings that steamed. Jack bent down to them as though he loved them.', p 138
- * Roger first calls Jack "Chief", p 168