

Lord of the Flies Quotes – Civilisation v Savagery

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<p>⇒ 'We can use this to call the others. Have a meeting' – Chapter 1. The boys are creating their own civilised community. They have meetings, leaders and an organised way of communication.</p>	<p>⇒ 'The madness came into his eyes again. "I thought I might kill."' – Chapter 3. Jack is starting to show how much he wants to get lost in this new world of murder. He's starting to lose connection with his old life of civilisation.</p>
<p>⇒ 'We've got to have rules and obey them. After all, we're not savages. We're English, and the English are best at everything' – Chapter 2. After just arriving on the island, the boys are still hopeful at keeping their civilisation and connection to their old life.</p>	<p>⇒ 'Jack began to dance and his laughter became a bloodthirsty snarling.' – Chapter 4. This shows how much the island is beginning to get to him, as he starts to turn into a savaged animal.</p>
<p>⇒ 'Here, invisible yet strong, was the taboo of the old life.' – Chapter 4. In this quote, civilisation is holding Roger back from harming Henry.</p>	<p>⇒ "Kill the pig. Cut her throat. Bash her in." – Chapter 4. The hunters have created this chant, creating a tribe-like atmosphere. They are detaching themselves from their old way of life and become more barbaric.</p>
<p>⇒ 'So full of pride in his contribution to the good of society' – Chapter 8. Piggy wants to help within the community and create a better society.</p>	<p>⇒ 'Jack found the throat and the hot blood spouted over his hands.' – Chapter 8. The hunters are no longer hunting just for food, they are now doing it for the thrill, exercising their power over a helpless animal.</p>
<p>⇒ 'Which is better - to have laws and agree or to hunt and kill?' – Chapter 11. Piggy is grasping at his last chance to try and save the civilisation they once had.</p>	<p>⇒ 'The boys screamed, struck, bit, tore. There were no words, and no movements but the tearing of teeth and claws.' – Chapter 9. The boys behave like animals as they murder Simon in a frenzy. They seem to have lost all sight of the old civilisation they once lived in, and all the morals that went with it.</p>