

Need for Civilization

Symbols ~ Fire (smoke) / clothes / conch

conch - "I'll give the conch to the next person to speak" - aspects of rules/order
("obeyed the summons of the conch"
"bleached the yellow and pink to a near-white"

disregard → "the conch doesn't count on top of the mountain ... so you shut up"
(lack and attitude towards civilization) ↳ making excuses

chapter 11 > "the conch exploded into a thousand white fragments"
- voice of reason and symbol of civilization are destroyed.

throwing stones incident - "invisible yet strong, was the taboo of the old life"
(chp 4: rules and morals of civilized life are still holding him back, for now)

fire + smoke - "without the fire we can't be rescued"

chp 12 - "we saw your smoke"

Violence + Death

↳ ordaining ^{the} deaths as boys stages into complete savagery

↳ believes that all men is a "morally diseased creation"

↳ boys on island = microcosm for world (war all time)

death #1 - "drum-rail of the fire" - becomes symbol of violence when used
~ tribal, animistic attributes against him in chp 12

death #2 - Simon mistaken as 'The Beast'

"a thing was crawling out of the forest"

"hearing of teeth and claws" ~ in a state of utteration.

↳ whipped into a frenzy - unprovoked. "mouth of the new circle"

death #3 - Piggy - full intention

↳ most significant (death of civilization + rational thinking)

"rock smacks Piggy a glancing blow"

violent intentions = "Roger sharpened a stick at both ends"

Fear of the unknown

↳ introduced by pure anxious imagination, and manipulated by Jack

↳ Jack promises to kill the beast ~ persuades them to join him.

chapter 2 - "A snake-thing. Ever so big"

chapter 3 - "they talk and scream. The others. Even some of the others"

(chapter 5 + Piggy - "I know there isn't any fear either" "unless we get frightened of people"
↳ trust scientific, rational Piggy to understand.

chp 7 - Simon seems to be the only boy not afraid of the forest - "I'll go if you like. I don't mind, honestly"

Jack took advantage of the boys' fear to make his following larger.