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Predictions

FOCUS

- To think about the possible outcomes the novel may have.

- You are about to begin studying *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding. Here is some information about the story.

Things that happen in the story

- After a plane crash, a party of schoolboys is stranded on a deserted island. There are no adults or females in the group.
- Ralph is elected chief, defeating his rival, Jack.
- Some of the boys fear that there is a beast on the island.
- Ralph and Jack become enemies and Jack becomes leader of his own tribe.

Themes

- Leadership
- Power
- Conflict
- Fear
- Savagery and civilisation
- The end of innocence

Characters

- Ralph – a leader. His main concerns are to keep order amongst the boys and to be rescued.
- Jack – also a leader. His main concerns are to hunt and have fun.
- Piggy – an outsider. The other boys dislike Piggy, but Ralph gradually begins to value him for his common sense, intelligence and loyalty.
- Simon – also an outsider. He is a loner.
- Samneric – actually two boys, Sam and Eric, who are identical twins. They favour Ralph's leadership.
- Roger – a quiet but destructive character. Important in Jack's tribe.

- In groups, discuss what you think will happen. Consider the following points.

- What kinds of problems would the boys face when they first arrive on the island? What would they need to do in order to survive?
- What difference would it make that there are no adults or females?
- What effect might the fear of a beast on the island have on the boys' behaviour? What do you think the 'beast' could be?
- Why might Jack want to form his own tribe? What might be the consequence of having two separate groups of boys?



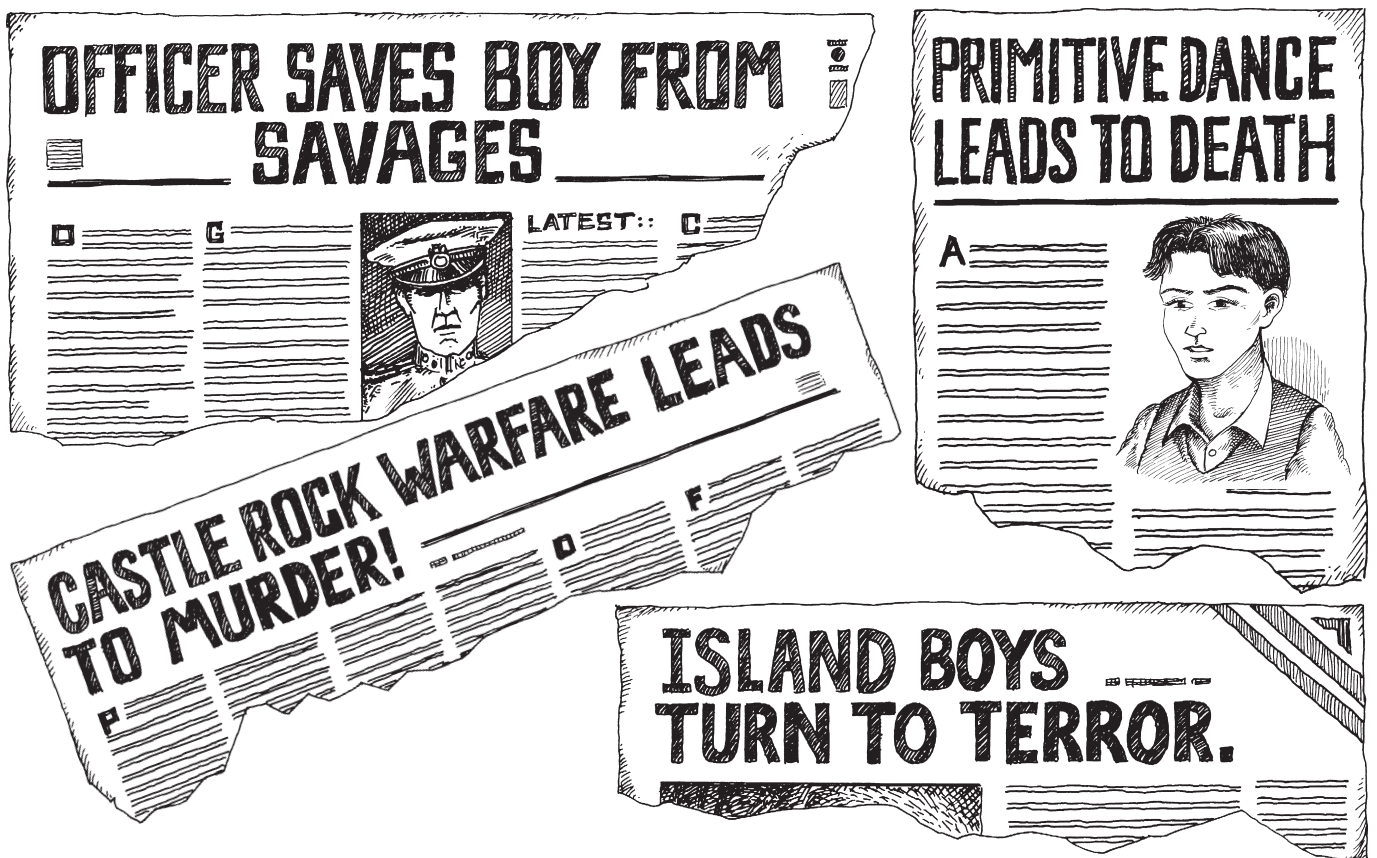
In the news

FOCUS

- To focus on a key event of the story and write a newspaper story about that event.

Introduction

On the boys' return to England it is likely that the happenings on the island would eventually find their way into the newspapers. Below are three headlines relating to specific incidents, and a fourth that refers to the whole story.



1. Identify what is being described in each of the headlines above and write the first paragraph for each. It must include **who**, **what**, **where**, **when** and **why** as simply and as clearly as possible. (You will need to make up some details.)
2. Now choose one report to continue. Here are some guidelines and ideas to help you.
 - Newspaper articles are written in columns.
 - Paragraphs are short and to the point.
 - Focus on the incident you want to report on. You may need to give some background details, but these should be stated briefly.
 - Eyewitnesses are often quoted in newspaper reports.
 - You could use pictures and captions for extra interest.