

Worksheet 3. Major Symbols in *Lord of the Flies*

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A symbol is an object or other entity used to represent or suggest something else that is either implicitly or explicitly associated with it.

Symbols take the form of visual images, words, and gestures used to convey an idea or belief. All human cultures use symbols to express underlying ideas and structures.

Use the chart to consider some of the major symbols in the novel.

Symbol	What is it?	What does it symbolize?
Island	What does it look like? What are its most prominent features? What is good about it? What is bad about it?	

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Conch	What does it look like at the beginning? How do the boys use it? How does its appearance change? What happens to it?	
Lord of the Flies	What does it look like? Why does Jack put the sow's head on a stick? What does it represent to Simon? What does Ralph see when he looks at it as he flees the hunters?	

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Fire	<p>Why does the first fire in the book rage out of control? What does it cause?</p> <p>What is the purpose of the fire on the mountain?</p> <p>Describe the fire at the end of the novel.</p>	
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