

# Lord of the Flies Vocabulary

## Chapter 4: Painted Faces and Long Hair

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- **whelming** - v - to turn (something, such as a dish or vessel) upside down usually to cover something : cover or engulf completely with usually disastrous effect
- **stark** - adj - strong, robust, sharp
- **opalescence** - n - reflecting a rainbow-like shine
- **impending** - adj - occurring or likely to occur soon; upcoming
- **blatant** - adj - completely obvious
- **succession** - n - the act or process of following in order
- **loomed** - v - to appear in an impressively great or exaggerated form
- **learned** - adj - having a knowledge that is gained by studying
- **menace** - v - to show an intention to inflict harm

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- **peaked** - adj - being in poor health; sickly
- **dubious** - adj - unsettled in opinion; uncertain
- **corporate** - adj - of, relating to, or formed into a unified body of individuals

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- **belligerent** - adj - showing a strong tendency to argue or fight

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- **impalpable** - adj - something that can't be felt by touching
- **incursion** - n - an entering in or into
- **detritus** - n - loose material left after the instruction of something; debris
- **myriad** - n - a great number
- **vagrant** - n - one who has no place to live; a wanderer
- **runnel** - n - a small river or stream

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- **fibrous** - adj - containing or made of fibers
- **swarthy** - n - of dark color or complexion

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- **incomprehension** - n - a state of not comprehending or understanding
- **gravely** - adv - in a serious, gloomy way

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- **sinewy** - adj - solid, powerful
- **appall** - v - to overcome with shock; to lose courage because of fear
- **caper** - v - to leap or prance about in a playful manner
- **liberated** - v - freed from
- **jigged** - v - to move with rapid jerky motions
- **compelled** - v - to cause to do by overwhelming pressure
- **mooning** - v - daydreaming

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- **tacitly** - adv - implied but not actually expressed
- **disinclination** - n - a preference for avoiding something
- **irk** - v - to make weary, irritated, or bored
- **footling** - adj - lacking use or value

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- **ravenously** - adv - very eager or greedy for food, satisfaction, or gratification

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- **agonized** - v - suffering

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- **inevitable** - adj - something that cannot be avoided

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- **gout** -n - a fluid that is gushing or bursting forth
- **ecstatic** - adj - a state of overwhelming emotion

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- **dismal** - adj - showing or causing gloom or depression
- **malevolently** - adv - having or showing an intense often vicious ill will or hatred

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- **parody** -n - a literary or musical work in which the style of an author or work is closely imitated for comic effect or in ridicule
- **hysteria** - n - behavior exhibiting overwhelming or unmanageable fear or emotional excess
- **gyration** - n - revolving around a point
- **admiration** - n - a feeling of respect and approval
- **obscurely** - adv - not readily understood or clearly expressed

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- **snub** - v - to treat with contempt or neglect

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- **ha'porth** - adj - "halfpenny's worth" - an amount worth half a penny

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- **envious** - adj - painful or resentful awareness of an advantage enjoyed by another joined with a desire to possess the same advantage
- **resentful** - adj - to feel or express annoyance or ill will at
- **flagged** -v - to decline in interest, attraction, or value