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<div align="center">Where the Beast Lives</div>

In William Golding's novel *Lord of the Flies,* does the beast's identity live on the island or in the mind of the children? The beast lives in the mind of these few children for many reasons, such as fear, desperation, and sorrow. I am going to be discussing whether the beast's identity lives in the mind of the children or in the island. The Beast symbolizes their humanity stripping away and how fear can take control. The Beast reflects as this all-powerful being and who's not introduced until paragraph two "He still says he saw the beastie. It came and went away again an' came back and wanted to eat him-" (pg.36). Which means it was not part of the island but appeared in their minds until later in the book. It possibly would have appeared earlier in the book if it lived on the island. We are not certain if the beast appeared in the minds of these children before they have reached the island and if it did it would change this whole argument. The beast does live in the mind of the children because the beast and the Lord of the Flies are as told the same being. Since the Lord of the Flies lives on the island hence does the beast.

The beast lives on this island as it's one with it. The beast only appears when they come onto the island. The beast lives on this island in which they never have talked about it before it appeared in chapter two. In which if it lived in these children it would have appeared earlier in the book. The beast has been exposed as a physical object on the island in which has been proven not the beast multiple times. Even though it has been proven wrong these children are having a physical form for the beast in which would not only have been on the island but on the mainland too.

Does the beast's identity live on the island or in the mind of the children? I have shown both sides of this argument. I beleive that the Beast lives in the mind of these few children. These children would have not seen the beast if there was no imagination.