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### Piggy's Identity

In William Golding's *The Lord of the Flies*, the events on the island begin to escalate, and what once felt like a kind, gentle island is starting to show its dark side. Can Piggy retain his identity as an unfailing force of intellect and loyal sidekick? On page 78 it says "Only, decided Ralph as he faced the chief's seat, I can't think. Not like Piggy." this is where Piggy is finally recognized for his ability to think.

Even when the others on the island are going insane, Piggy keeps his intelligent identity. When Piggy, Samneric, and Ralph are trying to keep the fire alive the book refers to Samneric separately when they got in a fight with each other. In addition, Ralph started to forget why they needed the signal fire, and Piggy needed to remind him.

Piggy is also Ralph's sidekick, through and through. For example, on page 156, when Ralph is saying that they killed Simon, it reads "'That was Simon.' 'You said that before.' 'Piggy.' 'Uh?' 'That was murder.' 'You stop it!' said Piggy shrilly. 'What good're you doing talking like that?'... 'You were outside. Outside the circle. You never really came in'". The portion after the ellipses proves that Piggy wasn't denying it to make himself feel better because he didn't see what happened because he was on the outside of the circle. Therefore, Piggy's reaction proves that he will do whatever it takes, in this case denying murder, to make Ralph happy. Even at the beginning of the book, Piggy is constantly talking to Ralph, although Ralph

is quite rude and walks away from Piggy as he's talking to him. To summarize, Piggy's identity of a never-wavering sidekick, and a voice of reason doesn't change throughout the stresses and challenges the island throws at the boys.