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Does Ralph Have Enough to be a Good Leader?

Lord of the Flies by William Golding describes the importance of humanity very well. In addition, this book shows many quotes that express the character's identities. Many characters in the book had all different identities those things made this book more empathizing with the real world. In the book Lord of the Flies, Ralph's identity can be described in many ways: bully, democratic human, and leader.

In the book, Ralph shows many different behaviors. For example, sometimes he showed as a reliable leadership, strict, intelligence, and communicative. At the beginning of the book, Ralph blew conch so that he can call everyone else on the island. The leader of the choir, Jack, said he wanted to be a leader of everyone. But, Ralph didn't let him just be a leader so Roger suggests voting. So, they voted and Ralph became a leader of the whole kids. The conch started representing a power, and leadership.

At the beginning of the book, Ralph's attitude to Piggy and others got changed compared to middle and last part of the book

"I'll come," said Jack nodded at Ralph.

"And I-"

"I'll come." Piggy stirred

"You're no good on a job like this." Ralph turned to him.

"We don't want you," said Jack, Flatly. (Pg. 24)

This quote explains how students are disregarding Piggy, how Ralph deprecate Piggy, and how much Ralph affects to the other students. For acting disrespectfully to Piggy, most students act as a discriminatory just because of Piggy's physical identity. For instance, on Pg. 71, Ralph and Piggy saw the ship passed by the island. But, in that time Jack's hunter group let the fire goes out. Ralph got so mad at them so he starts blaming them. After he finished blaming Piggy started to blame. When Piggy just started to blame them Jack smacked Piggy's head. And Piggy's glasses got flew off and tinkled on the rocks. We can see that Jack is acting like discriminatorily. Furthermore, in there we can check that Jack is following in the order of Ralph. Jack had agreed that he wants everybody to follow him and obey him so he acted like he became a chief. But, the only person that Jack obeys was Ralph.

Piggy found the conch on the beach, so Ralph blew it for the first time. So, they decided to have a conversation or meeting if they blow the conch. In addition, Ralph, the first and last chief, had to blow the conch. He could only blow the conch and he had to decide decision democratically with students. But, as time passes, the relationship between Ralph and Jack got worse and worse so that the one group separated by 2 groups. Jack's group and Ralph's group. That affected at the meeting, too. Jack didn't want to play in his group so he did not respond to the conch anymore. After they separated into Ralph's group and Jack's group. Jack's group members started to lose their humanity. According to Roger, he used to act like an intelligence and a kind person. Roger suggested voting to pick their chief. But, after he loses his humanity person changed. He killed Piggy with the boulder.

The overall state of Ralph's group and Ralph seems at stake. Because as time goes by, Jack's group got much stronger so that Ralph's group might lose their power. Unfortunately, in an accident, Jack's group and Ralph's group killed Simon who helped Ralph as a sidekick and Anti-Hero. Also, they lose Piggy who represented intelligence. Also, they broke the conch which represented the leadership and power while Roger rolled the boulder. So, they only had a few littluns and Sam n Eric. In the last part of the book, while Ralph's group getting weaker Jack called Sam n Eric secretly and told them about the operation to kill Ralph. Ralph heard what Jack said so he started to run away from them. Jack chased him. Ralph trapped by a rock so he fell down to the sandy beach. When he raised his head he saw a man with a general uniform. That guy said he saw the fire. Ralph realized that he got protected by him.

To sum everything up, at the beginning of the book, Ralph can have much popularity compared to the later part of the book. Also, at the beginning of the book, Ralph disregarded Piggy just because of his physical identity. Which doesn't fit that work (explorer). As time goes by Jack's hunting group got plenty of students and power so he became the most powerful person so as Jack's group increased Ralph's group decreased. In the last part of the book, he looked like refugees who lost everything. What do you think? Do you think Ralph shall be a great popularity person and a powerful leader?