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Glorified Symbols in Lord of the Flies

In the novel, *The Lord of the Flies* by William Golding two symbolic inanimate objects play massive parts throughout the story. Within the story, there are two main glorified objects, the conch, and the pig head. They end up being glorified due to the fact that the children feel safe when they have possession of the items or are near them. The conch frequently receives praise from the children of the island. This feeling of security is something that the kids didn't have due to the fact that there were no adults or supervisors on the island. This prompts them to turn against each other once they become greedy for security.

The two items are praised by two different groups. The hunters and the non-hunters. The conch symbolizes The Holy Spirit and the Pig Head symbolizes Satan. We can see the Holy Spirit in the Conch due to the fact that it was used to unite people throughout the island by Ralph blowing into it. The Pig Head resembles Satan due to the fact that it was trying to frighten him. We see this near the middle of the novel "Fancy thinking the Beast was something you could hunt and kill!" (143). This also shows that the pig's head had an ulterior motive to turn the children against each other.

We can see that a large amount of the children who stood by the conch survived and successfully evacuated from the island. Even though most of the children

who praised the pig head made it out alive, the tempted hunters were the ones whos committed the murders of Simon and Piggy. In the end a magority of the two groups came out alive. This shows that satan's temptation was not enough to overthrow the once innocent kids.