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Divergent X Lord of the Flies

I recently read two very different books, one being *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding, and the other being *Divergent* by Veronica Roth. One thing in common about these books is that they have a strong central character, or characters. I will attempt to compare two characters, then explain my meaning in the end.

Let's start with a summary of *Divergent*, a novel by Veronica Roth. *Divergent* starts in a divided world, specifically into five factions, each filling a different role in survival. Tris, our main character, is born into abnegation, a faction that helps the homeless and is in charge of the government. Tris then moves to a new faction, dauntless, the military and police. She trains vigorously, and is accepted in, on the way falling in love with a dauntless instructor, named Four. Later in the book, they are attacked by a mysterious serum.

Character number one is Beatrice, or Tris, from the novel *Divergent*. Tris is a strong female lead, with good leadership skills with a likeable character. Tris faces multiple life changing decisions in the book. If you compare Ralph, from *Lord of the Flies*, He also makes multiple fated decisions, like becoming leader, or deciding to bring everyone together. My meaning is that both characters have multiple fated decisions. Like Tris when she decides to leave her home permanently. Both leaders show outstanding leadership, both becoming main leaders quickly. One last similarity is that both characters are in difficult situations, Tris having her family killed and Ralph being trapped on an island.

Now let's talk about differences. One major difference is Tris being a "little" girl and Ralph being one of the largest boys on the island. This is surface level, but it is an important identity piece, how you look can change people's perception of you. Another difference is the fact that Tris lives in functioning society, while Ralph lives in basic chaos. One more difference is that Tris is infinitely more mature than any of the boys on the island, making more adult decisions and being more influential.

As expressed throughout the paper, the two main characters are strong leaders, with many similarities as well as differences, connecting them. But be warned, no matter how strong a leader is, there society can always be destroyed by bias, jealousy and hatred.