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Jack and Hitler

In September of 1939, Hitler and his Nazi army marched into Poland, marking the beginning of WWII, the deadliest conflict ever. The Nazis were elected in January of 1933, bringing with them a strict and demanding government. At their head, Hitler, a power-hungry dictator that is demanding and wanting. In *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding, the book had a handful of salient characters, but one, in particular, stuck out to me, Jack. Jack and Hitler have many similarities. This composition will explain the relationship between Jack and Adolf Hitler.

My first point will be intimidation. Jack throughout the book tries his best to intimidate his opponents and people he doesn't like. For example, slamming a knife into a tree, or punching people. Hitler did the same thing, in concept. He had his own private police he used to terrorize and intimidate political opponents.

“...He made one cheek eye socket white, then he rubbed red over the other half of his face and slashed a black bar of charcoal across from right ear to left jaw.” This is a quote on page 63, was Golding describes Jack painting his face red, white, and black. These are the same colors that are shown on the Nazi flag. I think this is a small detail by Golding, holding little significance.

Hitler throughout his childhood was an innocent boy who got good grades, was a great artist and loved to play games with his peers. Later in high school is where Hitler developed his radical ideas and thoughts after he served in the military. Similarly, Jack at the beginning of the book is a likable choir leader, then begins his descent into madness. Hunting pigs was first, it increased his need for bloodshed and violence. The second was Piggy. Pg 71 is a massive turning point for Jack, this is where he insults Piggy, breaks his glasses, and punches him. While Ralph sits and does nothing.

The final thing I want to talk about is Hitler running for government. In the 1920s and 1930s, all Germany had was failing democracy. The first time the Nazis ran they didn't win. They only got 2.2 % of the vote. Let's say that the conch represents democracy, like Germany's government, the conch is failing, people resent it, Jack doesn't care about it, and people don't like it. Also, Jack ran for leader and lost, much like the Nazis.

These main points are why I think Golding made Jack a sort of mini Hitler. This book was written at the dawn of world war two, and in the book, a new war is raging. I would like to end with a warning, having a strong desire for power can destroy you, and everyone you know and love.