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The Madness of King Jack

If you were stranded on an island would you throw a kid in as bait? Well, King Jack would. In the novel *Lord of the Flies*, Jack's identity progressively changes from the book. Where at the start Jack's identity rubs off as a jerk but sane, then transitions to an overall dictator like, ego driven teenager. Does Jack's identity exterminate his sanity?

The first major progression which happens to be this quote on page forty-eight. "At length he let out his breath in a long sigh and opened his eyes. They were bright blue, eyes that in frustration seemed bolting and nearly mad."(Ch.3 Pg.48). The quote almost relates directly to the foreshadowing of Jack sitting on his throne looking down at his tribe. Almost treating and seeing them as bewildered children with no final destination. Almost at the level of dictatorship of Joseph Stalin and Adolf Hitler, just think of it.

In relation to him being an egotistical teenager he also does not give one care about the Littluns or Piggy. He is a major reason Piggy resulted dead at the end of the book. Jack also neglects Piggy throughout this book and treats Piggy as a complete and utter oxygen thief. The one moment I knew for sure that Jack's identity of not killing the Pig in the beginning of the book truly affected him. Was when they were thinking of using a pig as bait and said this "You want a real pig," said Robert, still caressing his rump, "because you've got to kill him." "Use a littlun," said Jack, and everybody laughed." (Ch.7 Pg. 115). The one part of that quote on page

115 was that they all thought it was fun and games, until finally Jack's identity destroys his sanity and the joke becomes a reality.

The moment I for sure knew that Jack's identity exterminated his sanity was when he rage quit and left the group. "He leapt down from the platform and ran along the beach, paying no heed to the steady fall of his tears; and until he dived into the forest Ralph watched him." (Ch.8 Pg.127). His identity of himself being a hunter and not being the chief truly gets to his head. The one big mistake I knew Ralph made at the beginning of the book was when he got elected chief, he gave Jack the leadership of the choir. That was the one little bit of power Jack needed to create the true beast also known as Jack Merridew.

Finishing the last major event that proves that Jack's Sanity has vanished would be the fire. The reason that strives Jack to hunt Ralph happens to be that Jack's overall identity has created this persona of King Jack, the hunter. If Jack had any bit of sanity he would not light a forest on fire to kill one person because they were against him, He had all the numbers!

Overall in this book we've seen the quick progression of Jack letting his identity and persona overrule his sanity. We saw it first when he couldn't kill the pig and then made his first kill. Then made his second and made it an offering to the beast also known as the Sow. Then we saw his sanity almost vanish when he removed himself from the group. Then finally the moment Jack let that flame hit the ground was the moment his identity of King Jack completely overruled his sanity. In conclusion, this will cause Jack Merridew to never be able to live a normal life again. Why you ask? Well, Jack Merridew let his identity exterminate his sanity.

