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Jack's Personality Change and It's End in Violence

Jack has a very strong personality. Self-centered, opinionated, and a control freak describe Jack's personality. A change in Jack's identity causes violence and ends in killing. Jack's personality changes throughout the book and ultimately ends in violence.

Jack has a manipulative way of leading. He wants everyone to follow him and no one else. Jack puts up a tough exterior but on the inside he is a coward. Jack only listens to himself which can be dangerous. They are stuck on a small island and have to survive by depending on each other. There are a lot of times in this book when Jack should listen to others but he doesn't.

Jack is a natural leader. He led the choir boys at school and now leads the hunting group on the island. Jacks violence starts with wiping the blood on his face after hunting and killing a pig. The next violent act is when Jack treats Piggy as worthless and punches him. "Jack took a step and able at last to hit someone stuck his first into piggys stomach" (p.71).

Ultimately Jack's violence leads to the killing of both Piggy and Simon. I think Jack always had a violent personality but the situation brought out his true colors.