

# LORD OF THE FLIES: MOVIE VERSION

**Study Guide compares the book *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding to the movie *Lord of the Flies* (1990) starring Balthazar Getty, Chris Furrh, and Daniel Pipoly. Directed by Harry Hook. Produced by Ross Milloy. A Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Picture.**



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## **SAMPLE LORD OF THE FLIES: MOVIE VERSION**

### **THE MOVIE VERSION OF *LORD OF THE FLIES* IS NOT LIKE THE BOOK by William Golding**

**RECOMMENDED MOVIE:** *Lord of the Flies* (1990) starring Balthazar Getty, Chris Furrh, Daniel Pipoly, James Badge Dale (listed as Badgett Dale), Andrew Taft, Edward Taft, Gary Rule, Terry Wells. Screenplay by Sara Schiff, based on the novel by William Golding. Directed by Harry Hook. Produced by Ross Milloy. A Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Picture. This is the most accessible film version of the book via DVD and streaming. Even though the movie leaves out the parachutist, turns the British schoolboys into Americans, and invents the character of Captain Benson, the basic plot, setting, symbols, characters, and group dynamics are the same as the book.

#### **HOW ACCURATE IS THE MOVIE VERSION OF THE BOOK?**

Plot: ★★☆☆☆ Characters: ★★★☆☆ Setting: ★★★☆☆

Structure: ★★☆☆☆ Symbols: ★★☆☆☆ Theme: ★★★☆☆

#### **THE MOVIE: SUMMARY**

The following is a scene-by-scene comparison of the movie to the corresponding chapters in the book.

#### **THE MOVIE: CHAPTER 1 THE SOUND OF THE SHELL**

The plane carrying a group of American military school cadets crashes into the ocean. (**ERROR:** *The plane in the book carries English schoolboys and crashes in the jungle*) The pilot is injured and is sinking to the bottom of the ocean. Ralph grabs him by the hair and pulls him up to the surface. (**ERROR:** *In the book the pilot is killed in the crash*) The boys are all swimming in the ocean. They climb into an inflatable life raft and bring the injured pilot into the raft with them.

They row toward the shore of an island. (**ERROR:** *In the book the boys who survive the crash are already on the island*) The boys are dressed in military school uniforms. (**ERROR:** *In the book the only boys dressed in any kind of uniform are the choirboys who wear black robes with crosses on them*)

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**QUIZ**

**This quiz compares the movie *Lord of the Flies* (1990) starring Balthazar Getty, Chris Furrh and Daniel Pipoly to the novel *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding.**

- \_\_\_ 1. In the movie a plane carrying a group of American military school cadets crashes into the ocean. In the book the plane carries English schoolboys, and the crash is
  - a. in the mountains
  - b. on a beach
  - c. in the jungle
  - d. on a river
  
- \_\_\_ 2. In the movie a boy called Piggy finds a conch shell in the ocean. In the book Piggy sees the shell in the lagoon, but the conch shell is retrieved by
  - a. Jack
  - b. Ralph
  - c. Roger
  - d. Simon
  
- \_\_\_ 3. In the movie and the book the boy who possesses the conch shell
  - a. does not have to stand guard
  - b. has the right to boss the others
  - c. has the right to speak
  - d. does not have to gather wood

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