

LOTF – Law and Order

1. Who killed Piggy?
2. Who killed Simon?
3. Which question is more difficult to answer? (If you answered #2, you're probably right).

If you were the parent/guardian of Piggy or Simon, how would you feel upon learning about your charge's death? Odds are you'd want some answers about what happened on that island. Where will those questions be answered? In court!

Summary: Ralph has been accused of murdering Simon and a trial will be held to determine whether or not he's guilty. The class will be split into four groups (the Prosecution, the Defense, Witness for the Prosecution, and Witness for the Defense). Each group will begin by reading their 2-3 paragraph statement, and will be responsible for prosecuting or defending an argument. A class-elected judge will reign over the trial.

Purpose: To better understand the motivations of the characters in *Lord of the Flies*.

Writer's Role: The class will be divided into four groups:

- Legal Team #1 – the Defense: As part of the legal dream team responsible for exonerating (freeing) Ralph from punishment, you must draft a defense. Using Chapter 10 of *LOTF* as your source, write a 2-3 paragraph opening statement to your argument explaining why Ralph **is not responsible for** Simon's untimely death.
- Legal Team #2 – the Prosecution: A defendant is innocent until proven guilty, so it's your job to prove Ralph's guilt. Using Chapter 10 of *LOTF* as your source, write a 2-3 paragraph opening statement to your argument explaining why Ralph **is responsible for** Simon's brutal and vicious murder.
- Legal Team #3 – Witness for the Defense: Even though Piggy's life also came to an untimely end, his words still live on. Unbeknownst to Piggy and Ralph, Sam and Eric overheard their conversation at the beginning of Chapter 10. How could Sam and Eric's eyewitness accounts of Piggy and Ralph's conversation (albeit hearsay) **help prove Ralph's innocence**? Write a 2-3 paragraph response to that question.
- Legal Team #4 – Witness for the Prosecution: Even though Piggy's life also came to an untimely end, his words still live on. Unbeknownst to Piggy and Ralph, Sam and Eric overheard their conversation at the beginning of Chapter 10. How could Sam and Eric's eyewitness accounts of Piggy and Ralph's conversation (albeit hearsay) **help prove Ralph's guilt**? Write a 2-3 paragraph response to that question.

***All groups should approach this writing assignment as though it is a persuasive essay. One group member should be selected to deliver the opening statement and participate in the trial.**

Audience: Ms. LaFay and your classmates

Form: 2-3 paragraphs per group and an interactive court trial

FCA's:

1. Demonstrates ability to write a persuasive opening statement (E3).
2. Displays an understanding of plot ideas and concepts in Chapter 10 of *LOTF* (E6).
3. Demonstrates understanding of various visual and auditory forms during the court trial (E5).