

# **Student Essay on The Nature and Effects of Change in Lord of the Flies**

**The Nature and Effects of Change in Lord of the Flies  
by William Golding**

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# Essay

Change can happen whether we agree to it or whether we are against the change. When we decide to change it is the choice to change not necessarily for the better. However when we do not agree with the change or have no control over the change it is known as a force to change. Regardless of the change the total outcome is determined by the response of how change is handled. In *Lord of the Flies* by "William Golding" the author intends for the reader to learn that the contributions to change whether they be forced on or a choice there will be an outcome either for the better or the worse it is all in how we handle the situation of change.

The force of change happens more than we intend for it. The realization that change has occurred is often overlooked in many cases whether a larger more noticeable change. When the young boys' lives were altered with a significant change of being left alone and must survive. There is also the smaller less noticeable change. When Ralph is elected to be chief Jack has no control over the situation. Jack must change himself to prove himself worthy of being in charge.

Having the choice of change is what the choir of boys decides when they choose not to change and take on that responsibility they risk their own safety as well as the others when they decide not to build the shelters to protect them from the unknown. However Jack demonstrates the ability to choose to change when he decides he must be in charge and demonstrates his skill of hunting. Jack had a choice to either go along and follow the lead or become a leader of his own.

When we take a look at the outcome in this novel the author wants us to look at each category of change. Whether it be the boys coping with their misfortune and the force to change or simply the choice to change and the response in that the loss of something such as innocence of a child to the experience of a hunter was gained. This change was counted as a misfortune of a child's innocence however the overall outcome ended in the way that survival was achieved.