

APPENDICES

1.1 Synopsis of The Coral Island

Ralph is a teenage boy of sea-traveller descent. He is so eager to travel that at the age of fifteen, he decides to travel to the South Seas. When the time comes, he boards the *Arrow* and he makes acquaintances with two other boys named Jack Martin and Peterkin. On their journey, a storm hits the *Arrow* and the three boys are stranded in an unknown island in the South Seas. The boys manage to find food and survive; they even build a boat with the tools left from the ship's wreckage. The boys live a happy and adventurous life in the island.

One day, the boys watch some boats coming to the island. It turns out that two tribes are at war and the fight continues in the island. One of the tribes whose chief is called Tararo is defeated and they are killed mercilessly by their opponents. The boys quickly fight the vicious natives and save Tararo and his people. Then the boys and the natives build a good relationship. After the natives leave the island, the boys face another adventure. A pirate ship comes to the island and Ralph is taken away by the pirates. In the pirate ship, he meets Bloody Bill, whose disposition is more humane than the other pirates. The pirate ship then sails to an island called Emo, where Ralph meets Tararo again. Bloody Bill, who knows the language of the natives, tells Ralph that Tararo is unhappy because Avatea refuses to marry the man Tararo has chosen for her. Avatea is one of the girls whom Ralph saves in the Coral Island. If she insists

on being obstinate, her life will be in danger for she will be killed and eaten by the natives there.

Meanwhile, Ralph and Bloody Bill plan their escape on the pirate schooner and succeed in their attempt. Unfortunately, Bloody Bill is badly injured and dies on their way to the Coral Island. Ralph manages to get back to the island and he rejoins Jack and Peterkin. He informs them of Avatea's fate and the three boys decide to save the poor girl. The boys sail to Tararo's island and when they meet Tararo, they try to persuade him to release Avatea. However, Tararo does not want to listen to them. Then the boys secretly try to take Avatea to Christian natives where she will be in a safe place and she can marry the man she loves. However, they are caught by Tararo and are put in prison. Fortunately, an English missionary comes and he manages to convert Tararo and his people to Christianity. Thus, the boys and Avatea are saved. Avatea is married to the man she loves and the three boys sail back home to England.

1.2 Synopsis of Lord of the Flies

An airplane crashes into an unknown island and it leaves no adult survivors. All the boys who survive meet up and gather together quickly. Among the boys, Ralph is chosen as the chief because he gathers all the other boys by blowing a conch which he and Piggy find on the beach. Then, Ralph and two other boys search the island to make sure that there are no other survivors. Left on their own, the boys try to behave like adults and set down rules. Ralph decides that they should have a signal fire for their rescue and also shelters to live in. At first, all the boys help Ralph build shelters and guard the fire. But later on, they get tired and they start to enjoy

themselves in the island. Ralph complains about the boys' behaviours but he is opposed by another boy named Jack Merridew. According to Jack, hunting is the most important thing to do because they need food. As time goes by, the boys start to break the rules and Jack becomes preoccupied with hunting so that he does not care about the signal fire.

Chaos begins to spread with the rumors of a Beast living in the island. Jack tries to control the situation and becomes the chief. Two boys called Simon and Piggy die when attempting to make things normal again. Jack finally takes control of all the boys and he tries to hunt and kill Ralph. He sets the forest on fire to force Ralph to get out of his hiding place. Fortunately, the smoke from the fire attracts a ship passing by and all the boys are rescued from the island.

2.1 Biography of Robert Michael Ballantyne

Robert Michael Ballantyne is a writer of children literature. He was born in 1825 in Edinburgh. His father was a newspaper editor. At the age of sixteen Ballantyne became an apprentice clerk in Hudson Bay Company in Canada. He traded with the local Indians in the remote areas. When he returned to Britain, he wrote The Young Fur Traders based on his memories in Canada. His most famous work is The Coral Island. Ballantyne mostly writes adventure novels for boys. His other works include The Lighthouse and Fighting the Flames. Ballantyne died in 1894 at the age of sixty-nine.

2.2 Biography of William Golding

Sir William Gerald Golding is a novelist. He was born in St. Columb Minor in Cornwall in 1911. He had many experiences as a writer, an actor, a producer, and he was once a schoolteacher. He also joined the Royal Navy during World War II. He published a volume of Poems but it was not very famous. His best-known work is with the publication of his first novel called Lord of the Flies. His other works include Pincher Martin, The Spire, and Darkness Visible. Golding died in 1993.