

*This is intended as a general example of how the Antigone/sociology analytical essay would appear. Of course, I use Lord of the Flies as an example; I don't want to give too much away!*

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*Lord of the Flies* relates the story of a group of English school boys marooned on an uninhabited island during World War II. With no adult survivors, the boys are forced to attempt recreate society on their own. Because the boys are trying to form a society from nothing, the book is an excellent candidate for sociological analysis.

There are four basic principles of sociology. EXPLAIN THE BASIC PRINCIPLES.

The most obvious sociological principle in the book is that rules are social creations. The use of the conch shell as a method of enforcing social order is the best example of this. There is nothing in the conch shell itself to suggest it should be used as an indicator of order, but the boys agree to use it as a symbol of power: he who holds it has the stage, so to speak. They could have chosen a small stone just as easily.

Another example of social creations is the individual roles the boys are given. That the choir boys should be hunters is not stated or implied in their duties and responsibilities as choir boys. It is more a function of Jack's aggressive behavior and desire to be in charge. Ralph essentially concedes to Jack's demands, and the designation of choir boys as hunters is something of a bone Ralph tosses to Jack as a way to appease him for having lost the election.