

8th Grade Timed-Write

Prompts:

*Prepare for the following four prompts. On the day of the timed-write, one of the four will be selected at random for each class.

1. What is the "something ungraspable" (37) that Ralph cannot defeat?
2. How does Golding's use of symbolism reveal the boys' changing identities?
3. Ralph states: "Things are breaking up. I don't understand why. We began well. We were happy." Provide an analysis of what went wrong and, most importantly, why.
4. Do the boys denature the island or does the island de-civilize the boys?

Requirements:

1. All basic requirements and standards of the MLA paper are still to be followed.
2. Each body paragraph must have at least one quotation
3. Handwriting must be clearly legible or points will be deducted from the score.

Tips:

1. Keep the argument focused and direct; I am looking for clarity and coherence.
2. Use the first 5-10 minutes to create an outline that organizes your argument before you begin writing the final draft.

GOOD LUCK!