Lord of the Flies Study Questions Ch. 7-9
Answer these questions on a separate sheet of paper.

Ch. 7.
1. What are the conditions that Ralph accepts as normal now and does not mind?
2. What is the author’s purpose in describing the house on the edge of the moors?
3. In your opinion, why is it so important to Ralph that the other boys know he has wounded the boar with his spear?
4. What do you think the author might be trying to show as the boys gather in a circle around Robert? Why do you think this is significant?
5. Which three boys decide to head up the mountain? What do the other boys do?
6. What do they find at the top of the mountain?

Ch. 8
1. Why does Jack decide to go off by himself?
2. What is significant about the sow that the boys kill? Do you think it was a good choice for them to kill this particular pig?
3. What do the boys do with the pig’s head? Why?
4. What is the Lord of the Flies? Why is it aptly named?
5. Why do you think Jack invites everyone to join him tonight at the feast?
6. Explain why most of the boys seem so willing to become a member of Jack’s tribe.
7. Give your own explanation of what really happens between Simon and “the Beast.”

Ch. 9
1. What does Simon find on the mountain top? What news does he want to tell the others?
2. Compared to Ralph’s form of leadership, what is noticeably different about Jack’s?
3. As Simon finds his way to the party, what becomes of him? How is this possible?
4. What do the boys think they are doing as they engulf Simon? Do you believe they really thought they were killing the beast? Explain.
5. The thunderstorm and ensuing winds carry the “parachute man” out to sea. What effect do you think this might have on the story?