

## Chapter 1 Quotes

Quote #1: "All round him the long scar smashed into the jungle was a bath of heat. He was clambering heavily among the creepers and broken trunks when a bird, a vision of red and yellow, flashed upwards with a witch-like cry; and this cry was echoed by another."(Page 1)

Device: Setting

Commentary: When reading this quote, the reader gets a view into what the setting of the story is going to be. It is revealed that the book will take place in a jungle, which also tells us that there is probably a warm climate present. The characters will most likely have to face hardships because of this setting, and it gives the reader the effect that they are deserted and unwelcome. I believe that if the story was based in a different region of the Earth, there might not have been the same effect that the author was striving for; an effect of the struggle for survival in a place out of your comfort zone. It will be interesting to see what takes place in a setting such as this one.

Quote #2: The birds cried, small animals scuttered. Ralph's breath failed; the note dropped the octave, became a low wubber, was a rush of air. The conch was silent, a gleaming tusk; Ralph's face was dark with breathlessness and the air over the island was full of bird-clamour and echoes ringing."(Page 17)

Device: Imagery

Commentary: This imagery is effective because it gives the reader a sense of what is happening in the story and creates a picture in your mind as you read. You can see the chaos that occurred after Ralph blew on the conch shell. The noise that was created stirred the inhabitants of the jungle and lets us know that this sound was not small but rather large and disrupting to the norm of everyday jungle life. I can hear the birds flying away from the unfamiliar noise, and the small ground animals as they scurry from the scene. This makes me wonder what would happen in my neighborhood if I blew on a conch shell and made a noise like Ralph did.

Quote #3: "About me being called Piggy. I said I didn't care as long as they didn't call me Piggy; an' I said not to tell and then you went an' said straight out-" Stillness descended on them. Ralph, looking with more understanding at Piggy, saw that he was hurt and crushed. He hovered between the two courses of apology or further insult."(Page 25)

Device: External Conflict

Commentary: In this quote, and in other situations in the story, Piggy is faced with the external conflict brought about by the name he was called by some people at school and now Ralph. He was given this name because of his weight, and he is not very comfortable with being referred to as "Piggy". Piggy does not want to be called this insulting name, and when Ralph announces him to the group using that name it causes there to be conflict between the two characters. If I were in the same situation, I would feel the way that Piggy does. I do not believe that anyone would want to be called any name based on their weight; big or small.