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|  | *Lord of the Flies* |

ABANDONED

You and a group of your classmates are going to Florida at spring break. The plane is hijacked. Without allowing the pilot to radio for instructions, the hijackers direct the plane to Australia. At the first refueling stop, the hijackers release everyone over thirty, which leaves only you and your schoolmates. During the flight over the Pacific, the crew attempts to subdue the hijackers. In the ensuing battle, all are killed but the pilot, who has been mortally wounded, and the passengers who were on the floor of the plane during the fight.

Holding the plane on course as long as he can, the pilot crashes just off the shore of an island. When the plane cracks open on a coral reef, you and your schoolmates successfully swim to shore. As all of you stand ashore watching the plane sink, you realize that no one knows where you are, that you have nothing with you, and that you might be on the island for quite some time, perhaps forever. The climate is tropical; the island is covered with fruit trees, and it is apparently uninhabited except for the twelve of you.

*Answer the following questions based on this simulation.*

1. List the things from your present life that you will miss the most.
2. Try to decide whether the possession of some of these things mark you as a “civilized” person.
3. What are some of the long-range plans you will have to implement to create a new life for yourself on the island?
4. How will your group handle the inevitable personality clashes that will occur?
5. What will be the biggest problem you will face?
6. In a short statement, define the term *civilization*.