“Piggy, what’s wrong?” (Ralph said)

Piggy looked at him in astonishment.

“Do you mean the—?”

“No, not it… I mean …what makes things break up like they do?”

Piggy rubbed his glasses slowly and thought. When he understood how far Ralph had gone toward accepting him he flushed pinkly with pride.

“I dunno, Ralph. I expect it’s him.”

“Jack?”

“Jack.” A taboo was evolving round that word too.

Ralph nodded solemnly.

“Yes,” he said, “I suppose it must be” (139-140).

**On Tuesday, I went over annotating passages. For the above passage from chapter eight, I have divided it up into chunks. Your job will be to read the entire passage, and then write in the space below each chunk. Comment on what you find significant about the chunk, comment on something that reminds you of a life experience, ask questions, underline words that standout and write why, look up and define words, or connect what you read to another part of the novel.**

**Afterwards, answer the questions that I have provided below. Use the passage for your answer.**

**The point of this activity is to go deeper into the text—to think about it more than just simply reading it and being told someone else’s interpretation.**

**Gift for the Darkness, Chapter Eight**

**Group Seven**

* **Is Piggy right that its Jack? Think, what does Jack represent now? What has he done to the group? Do their problems extend beyond Jack? Why or Why not?**
* **What does “taboo” mean? Do taboos place a varnish (a masking) over the reality of human behavior in society? Why or why not? Explain what effect the taboo of Jack’s name has.**