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Survival and Tensions: Chapters 3-4 of 'Lord of the Flies'

Short Answer Key

1. Maintaining the signal fire is crucial because it offers the boys their best chance of being rescued, as the smoke from the fire can be seen by passing ships or aircraft.
2. Jack's obsession with hunting causes him to neglect his responsibilities to the group, leading to conflicts with Ralph and other boys who prioritize order and rescue.
3. Simon's encounter with the "Lord of the Flies" represents a mystical and disturbing experience. It foreshadows the darker aspects of human nature that the boys will confront on the island and highlights the theme of the inherent evil within humanity.
4. The boys' changing appearances reflect their descent into a more primal and savage state. Their disheveled appearance with long hair and painted faces signifies their loss of civilization and growing embrace of the island's untamed nature.
5. The fear of the "beast" fuels the boys' growing anxiety and confusion, making it difficult for them to distinguish between reality and imagination. It represents the unknown and the darkness within themselves.

