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Challenges and Conflicts: Chapters 5-7 of 'Lord of the Flies'

Short Answer Key

1. In Chapter 5, Jack prioritizes hunting and exploration, while Ralph remains focused on maintaining the signal fire and the hope of rescue. Jack's leadership becomes more authoritarian and less concerned with order and rescue.
2. The presence of the dead parachutist adds to the boys' fear, as they mistake it for the "beast." It also highlights the intrusion of the adult world into their isolated existence on the island.
3. The fear of the "beast" leads the boys to become more superstitious and to offer sacrifices to the supposed creature. It also causes divisions among the group as they struggle to distinguish reality from their imagination.
4. The confrontation between Ralph, Piggy, and Jack's group in Chapter 7 escalates into violence, with Piggy's glasses being stolen and further damaged. This confrontation deepens the divide between the two factions.
5. The mission to find the "beast" in Chapter 7 reveals the boys' state of fear and paranoia. It reflects their growing descent into savagery as they become more irrational and superstitious, unable to differentiate between real and imagined threats.

