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## Meet the Castaways: Character Roles in Lord of the Flies

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Ralph is a democratic leader who values order, reason, and civilization. He is motivated by the hope of rescue and maintaining a sense of normalcy. In contrast, Jack is an authoritarian leader driven by a desire for power and control. He prioritizes hunting and domination over rescue and order.
2. Piggy's glasses symbolize science, logic, and the importance of reason in society. They are essential for starting fires, which are crucial for attracting rescue. The glasses represent the connection to the adult world and the boys' fading ties to civilization.
3. The littluns initially represent innocence and vulnerability, but their innocence is gradually eroded by fear, neglect, and exposure to the boys' violent behavior. The mythical "Beastie" and the boys' descent into chaos contribute to their changes.
4. Simon is a gentle and spiritual character who seeks the truth about the "Beastie." He is kind and empathetic, demonstrating the human capacity for good even in the face of darkness. His character represents the idea that goodness exists within every individual.

