

Lord of the Flies Mask Project

As exhibited in the following passage from *Lord of the Flies*, Jack begins to embrace a new persona and mentality after carefully applying some paint and charcoal to his face (persona - the aspect of someone's character that is presented to or perceived by others).

"He knelt, holding the shell of water. A rounded patch of sunlight fell on his face and a brightness appeared in the depths of the water. He looked on in astonishment, no longer at himself but at an awesome stranger. He split the water and leapt to his feet, laughing excitedly. Beside the pool his sinewy body held up a mask that drew their eyes and appalled them. He began to dance and his laughter became a bloodthirsty snarling...the mask was a thing on its own, behind which Jack hid, liberated from shame and self-consciousness. (63-64)

Your task is to create a mask that captures the essence of one of the following:

- A central theme from *Lord of the Flies* like good vs. evil, or the downfall of civilization.
- The traits and qualities of a character from *Lord of the Flies*.
- A mask that depicts the inner-workings of your mind or represents you in many different ways.

Requirements:

1. Your mask needs to be VERY colorful and VERY neat.
2. It needs to include several icons (graphic symbols that represent an idea) that represent your universal theme, a character from the novel, or that represent you personally.
3. The written portion of the mask assignment must include three paragraphs that address the following topics.
 - a. The icons you chose, what traits those graphics represent, and why those icons represent those particular traits.
 - b. While wearing the mask, some of the wearer's traits will get stronger or more obvious while the mask may hide some of that person's traits completely. Explain which of the traits on your mask make the wearer more powerful and make them act bolder. Also tell us about which traits the wearer may not want anyone to see...and why the wearer may choose to keep those traits hidden.
 - c. Include explanations about the colors you used. You must do a little research (and provide a link) to determine what your different colors mean.

Marking Criteria (Total: 20 Marks)

Design and Creativity (8 Marks)

Colorfulness and Neatness

Representation of Theme/Character/Personal Elements

Iconography (6 Marks)

Selection and Representation of Icons

Written Component (6 Marks)

Explanation of Traits (2 Marks)

Effect of Mask on Wearer (2 Marks)

Color Significance (2 Marks)