

Obituary Writing Activity

In this assignment, you are tasked with writing an obituary for Simon. This task requires you to reflect on Simon's character, his actions throughout the novel, and the events leading up to his tragic death.

Before writing the obituary, jot down key points about Simon's character traits, significant actions, and his role within the novel's themes. Consider what makes Simon unique and how he contributes to the story's moral and philosophical questions.

Writing the Obituary:

- **Introduction:** Start with an announcement of Simon's death, including any symbolic dates or locations relevant to the story's context.
- **Summary of Life:** Briefly summarize Simon's life within the novel, focusing on his personality, his contributions to the group, and his philosophical or moral standings.
- **Events Leading to Death:** Describe the events leading up to Simon's tragic end, ensuring to capture the emotional and thematic weight of these moments. Reflect on how these events are representative of the novel's broader themes.
- **Legacy:** Conclude by reflecting on Simon's legacy within the novel. Consider what his character teaches us about human nature, innocence, and the potential for savagery within us all.
- **Style and Tone:** The obituary should be respectful and reflective, capturing the essence of Simon's character and the significance of his story. While this is a fictional assignment, approach it with the same sensitivity and depth as a real obituary.

Your obituary should be a minimum of 250 words.

Marking Criteria (Total: 20 Marks):

- **Understanding of Character (5 Marks):** Demonstrates a deep understanding of Simon's character and his role in the novel.
- **Analysis of Events (5 Marks):** Accurately and thoughtfully describes the events leading up to Simon's death, linking them to the novel's themes.
- **Expression and Sensitivity (5 Marks):** The obituary is written with empathy, respect, and an appropriate tone, reflecting the serious nature of the assignment.
- **Grammar and Coherence (5 Marks):** The obituary is well-organized, grammatically correct, and flows logically from introduction to conclusion.