

Chapter VI Notes

These notes are for the classes which do not yet have notes on this chapter. Because we have lost several lessons due to absence, the lessons we have must be devoted mainly to finishing the book and to speaking activities. Please download these notes for your own use. They are NOTES and so are not in full sentences. Abbreviations are used but hopefully the meanings will be clear.

Notes

End of Ch V – R,P,S are missing adults. Believe adults wd solve problems rationally.

Beginning of CH VI – a plane is shot down. Parachutist (dead) falls on top of mt.
S,E (on duty at fire) think it's beast and run away.

S,E tell others they saw beast.

J – wants to hunt it, P wants to stay on beach.

R – decides they must search and light fire again. Leaves P in charge of 'littluns'

Simon – doesn't believe S, E's description. Has picture of beast as sth human

Boys think beast might live by rocks – 'Castle Rock' – so search there

J – says it's great place for a fort.

R – no water or food, 'rotten place'

Find nothing. R orders that they must go to mt – to continue search and light fire.

Things to Notice

1. That R,P,S have such faith in adults. The fact that the dead parachutist arrives as a result of war shows that adults cannot solve problems in their own world. In this way, the boys' conflict on the island is shown as representing the real world.
2. The different reactions of J and R to Castle Rock is significant. This part of the island becomes more important as the story goes on.