



**Kill the
beast!
Cut his
throat!
Spill
his
blood!**

Part 1

In groups of three, create arguments from the point of view of Ralph, Jack, and Piggy. In the opinion of the character, was Simon's death an accident? Outright murder? Was it anyone's fault?

Each argument must include citations from the text as part of the explanation. For each character, please have a different group member create the statement.

Part 2

Each group will be asked to present their arguments (chosen at random) to the class before a vote is held.

Here's an example:

As Percival, I believe that we was not responsible in the killing of Simon. All of us littl'uns was terrible scared of the beast, and we believed that it could have been a ghost, or a giant squid, or maybe even a giant snake (91). So when poor Simon came out of the woods he surprised us, and we were all scared anyways. We didn't *mean* to kill him, but we just didn't know it was Simon. As Piggy said, "life's scientific," and we didn't know enough. It was all just a terrible accident, really. Anybody could have done it...