



ANSWERS

Themes:

People have impulses towards both savagery and civilization.

Innocence is quickly lost when a person must struggle to survive.

Summary:

When a plane crashes on a tropical island, a group of schoolboys are marooned without any adults. At first they organize themselves to take care of practical matters, but things start to go awry when one boy disappears, and the fire they have lit to signal passing planes for help goes out. As some boys become afraid, others begin to turn on each other as one by one they discover their inner savage natures.