

Culminating Project

Lord of the Flies

Your job is to create a news article in which you interview survivor(s) from the island and upload your news article to youtube (you must submit the link to me on the google-doc that I send you.

This is a great way to:

- 1) Make up for some of the missing or weak work that your group did during the group project-time last week.
- 2) Show what you know about the book (your article must be articulate and accurate)
- 3) Show some creativity (you will be awarded bonus points for props and/or costumes)
- 4) Enjoy the ending (it's pretty bleak)

You have today (MONDAY) in class to work on your story-line and tomorrow (TUESDAY) to film your project. You will use the flip-cams.

Pay special attention to the structure of the news interview.

We will watch several in class to get everyone acclimated to news articles.

You will be graded on:

Complexity	Creativity	Accuracy	Verisimilitude

For an example news article, check out this link: <http://abclocal.go.com/kgo/story?id=9340484>

See below for a news sample interview written by me: Mr. Walters

SAMPLE NEWS INTERVIEW

Intro Music

Anchor 1: A holiday turned horror-day.

Anchor 2: They survived the worst conditions imaginable.

Anchor 1: Tonight, an interview with a survivor of Flight 54, a child whose compelling story demands to be told and heard.

Anchor 1: Good evening. I'm Johnny Walters.

Anchor 2: And I'm Simone Porcinus (note: Porcinus is latin for "piggy")

Anchor 1: Thanks for joining us for "On the Minute."

Introductory Music. Fade out.

For our first story tonight, a harrowing tale of survival.

Anchor 2

It was supposed to be a field trip from heaven. Instead, it turned into a nightmarish hell. Flight 54, thought to be lost at sea for six weeks, was located off a coral reef in the Caribbean Ocean, nearly six weeks after vanishing from radar.

Anchor 1

Originating at Heathrow Airport, London, Flight 54 took a turn for the worse over the Caribbean Sea. Little is known right now about the causes of the catastrophe, but what is known is this. At some point during the later portion of the flight, something went horribly wrong.

Anchor 2

According to the reports from the Royal Navy, whose ship first spotted distress signals on the deserted coast, remaining pieces of the fuselage tell a story of mid-air catastrophe that led to the miracle of survival.

We now go live to our morning anchor, Parker Jones. Parker?

Morning Anchor: Thanks, Simone. Yes, it was quite a harrowing ordeal. When a Royal Navy vessel located survivors on a deserted island from the Caribbean, you can imagine everyone's surprise to find that the survivors consisted entirely of a group of young children, and the biggest surprise of all: they lived on their own for nearly two month with few casualties.

How they survived is the subject of tonight's interview.

Ralph, whose parents asked us only to use his first name, agreed to talk exclusively to ABC-LA. Ralph, thank you for talking to us.

Ralph: You're welcome.

Jones

So, do you remember the mid-air catastrophe? Were you able to detect anything from where you were in the airplane?

Ralph

No. It was one minute, flying along as usual, reading me comics, and next thing ya' know, blam! And then darkness.

Jones

Did you actually feel the fall? Were you conscious when you landed in "The Scar" as you've called it?

Ralph

No. It was as if I had died and woke up to The Scar, which was a long streak of broken jungle leading down to the beach. The first thing I saw was the brilliant sun. At first, I thought it was God's face. But then I realized that I wasn't dead. Yet.

Jones

What the first thing you did when you realized you were alive? Did you panic?

Ralph

No, actually, I stood on my head. You may think that's weird, but I was quite happy. No adults tellin' us what to do. I was elated.

Jones

You've told us in our pre-interviews that things went from exciting to frightening pretty soon into your stay on the island. What happened?

Ralph

Two words: Jack Meridew. If it weren't for Jack, none of the other bad stuff would've ever happened.

Jones

Bad stuff? Can you elaborate?

Ralph

Yeh, I can. Jack Meridew decided early on that he should be in charge. But I had the conch. I had the power. And Jack wanted it. He wanted it badly. So badly, he'd kill for it. Poor Piggy. Poor, poor Piggy. It was all Jack's fault.

Jones

Piggy? Are you referring to Flight 54 passenger, William Gross?

Ralph

I can't be sure. I always just called him Piggy, even though he asked me not to. I guess I shouldn't have, but I didn't want anything to happen to him. I didn't want to see him die like he did. Brains everywhere. Pink. Red. That look of innocence on his face. I was just trying to help him get his glasses back, see? Jack, the beasty, had stolen them. Had stolen them, I say. And I wanted to help Piggy. Not see him dead.

Jones

So, you say you witnessed a death on the island? The death of William Gross?

Ralph

My mum and dad told me to tell the truth, and it's the truth I got to say: Piggy and I were just trying to get Jack to give back Piggy's glasses. You see, Piggy was blind. Blind as a bat without em. Jack resisted us. He told me it was better to hunt than to be "sensible." And that's when Roger pushed the lever. A boulder came crashing down on Piggy, smashed the conch into a billion shards, spread Piggy's brains all over the rocks. Never forget it. Never. Poor Piggy. Didn't deserve to die that way, did he?

Jones

So you are saying that Young Master Gross's death was not an accident?

Ralph

Take it how you like. I say that thanks to Jack, Piggy will never celebrate another holiday again. Jack's fault. Jack.

Jones

You claim you were wounded by a group of boys—the same boys who you claim brought about the death of Master Gross?

Ralph

Yeah, I was. A spear, I think it was. Right after Piggy's head met with the falling boulder. I panicked and ran. That was the only thing that saved me life, right then and there. Panic. Knew I was next. Knew that the savage, Jack, and his followers were just getting started with their savagery.

Jones

What can you tell us about your rescue? What was going through your mind when the Royal Navy Cruiser showed up?

Ralph

Several things, really: I was amazed that I had survived. I was sad for Piggy and for my friend, Simon. I was sad for the situation, and I felt sorry for myself. But I also felt guilty. I felt guilty because I questioned everything—me, Piggy's death, Simon. Everything. Surely, it was just an accident, I found myself saying. Surely, Jack's crew wouldn't have meant to kill Piggy. But they did. And I think if it had been me, I would have done the same thing. Same thing. Same thing exact thing.

Jones

Do you have any parting words about your ordeal?

Ralph

Yeah, I guess. I'm sorry. That's about the whole size of it. I'm sorry. I'm sorry for everybody. When we first found ourselves in that situation, I was sort of excited. No parents or adults after all. Then Jack and I, we couldn't get along. Then Jack's stealing Piggy's glasses, and then I start to realize that there's no such thing as innocence—that every single person, given the chance, is out for himself. It's No one for all, and all for no-one. That's what I've learned.

Jones

There you have it, ladies and gentlemen. Wise words from a survivor of one of the world's worst in-flight tragedies—Flight 54. Thank you for speaking with us, Ralph. You are one tough little kid!

Ralph

Thanks for having me. (Tears begin streaming.) I wish though none of this had ever happened.

Jones

(Offers tissue to Ralph). Thank you, Ralph. Back to you Simone.

Anchor 2

And there you have it, ladies and gentlemen in an exclusive interview with channel 19 with a survivor of Flight 54.

Thanks, Parker.

Anchor 1

For more on exclusive news on the disaster of Flight 54, visit our website: www.on-the-minute.com.

We'll be right back.

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