Prosecution Witness 1: Ralph- Jordan

(Discuss your time on the island):

        In my opinion, the time on the island for me was very interesting. I was elected as the leader for our group on this island, and Jack was made responsible for the hunters. I thought we were somewhat organized because we assigned a task for each group. After some time passed, Jack started getting fed up, so he decided to take his group of hunters to create his own new tribe. Afterwards, Jack’s actions caused the deaths of both Simon and Piggy. He even tried to get rid of me using his hunters, but not before I was rescued by the naval officer.

(Discuss your knowledge of Jack):

  When Jack and I first met, I thought I could rely on him, but after some time, I realized that I was wrong. Jack and the  hunters were given the task of keeping the  signal fire going, but one time, he went to hunt a pig with his hunters, while the fire, which had been left alone, died out. Because of this, we missed an opportunity of being rescued, since a ship was  passing by at this time. Anyways,  once he left with his fellow hunters, he became a total savage and did not want to collaborate with us anymore. It was him who transformed the hunters into savages. He ordered his hunters to raid our camp,, and steal Piggy’s glasses. I was willing to give him fire if he had asked, but he choose to steal instead,  Piggy could not even see anymore, and we had lost our only way to make fire.

(Discuss Simon's Death):

   Simon got killed because Jack’s tribe members thought Simon was the “beast”. Jack encouraged the boys to dance, and then when Simon walked out of the forest, the tribe members surrounded him and ripped Simon into pieces. It was a terrible sight and a totally inhumane act. Jack, however, did not express any sorrow or guilt.

(Discuss Piggy’s Death):

    So Piggy and I went to Jack and his hunters to get Piggy’s specs  back after he had stole them, but Sam and Eric wanted us to leave because they did not want us to get hurt.  Jack and his hunters returned to the base, and Jack and I got into an argument over which one of us is right. While I argued with Jack to get Piggy’s glasses back, Jack had backed up right against the tribe.  Suddenly, I heard a rumbling noise. I looked up and saw a boulder coming, I was barely able to dodge it, but Piggy got hit and flew through the air, dropping “forty feet” away. Piggy’s head cracked open, and I was just totally traumatized. Right after, Jack declared himself “Chief” and then threw his spear at me, which gave me wounds over my ribs. I was so scared that I couldn’t do anything but run.

(Discuss anything else your character knows that is relevant to this case.):

Ultimately, Jack was the one who caused the deaths of both Piggy and Simon. If he had listened to me and kept the signal fire going, we would have been eventually rescued.

Prosecution Witness 2: Piggy’s ghost- Dalong

Discuss your time on the island

My short life on the island was very tough. I was always hungry, and my asmar made me unfit for such a lifestyle. I could not help out as much as I wanted with building the huts, and instead tried to contribute in other ways. Because of my physique, the other boys picked on me. Immediately, they called me by a derogatory nickname of Piggy. They never said my real name, not even once. Simply because I tried to contribute with brains, with good, logical ideas, I was scorned and was told to shut up and not be whiny. Jack told me that I do not do anything to contribute, but my ideas turned out to be helpful. Only when Ralph reiterated my ideas did the group members, including Jack, listen. Ralph listened to me sometimes, but Jack never did and always vented his anger on me, both physically and verbally.

Discuss your knowledge of Jack

Jack had always wanted to be chief, right from the beginning. I saw his face go very red when Ralph was voted in as chief at first. After that, it was visible there was tension between them. They often had arguments between buildin’ shelters and hunting. He loved huntin’ and killing things. Jack’s obsession with pigs seemed to drive him crazy. He didn’t listen to Ralph anymore. One time, Ralph was seriously mad when Jack let the fire go out. Jack also got angry and vented on me, punching me straight in the stomach, shattering one side of my glasses! He never liked me, and found me very annoying. Jack formed a tribe against Ralph and me. Once, Ralph ordered his hunters to raid our camp. They beat me up and stole my glasses. I couldn’t see anything—I was practically blind. We couldn’t even light a fire anymore. It was hard to believe how violent the boys had become. Jack persuaded and forced the boys to join the tribe and transformed them into savages. From what I hear, my death didn’t mean anything to him.

Discuss Simon’s death

Simon’s death was all because of Jack’s party. All cuz he said “Do our dance. Come on! Dance!” He whooped the hunters into a frenzy – got them dancing and hollering. He was the cause of the trance. I was standing at the edges when Simon came in from the forest. The hunters, without thinking, ripped him to shreds.

Discuss Piggy’s Death

Jack stole my specs, and we went to speak logic to ‘im. We were greeted by the savages, and Jack didn’t listen to reason. He and Ralph fought each other. I couldn’t see very clearly, but I knew that the same fervor had been created as when Simon died. A great boulder came out of nowhere. Then, I was spinning through the air.

Discuss anything else Piggy knows that is relevant to this case

In summation, Jack and Ralph had different views. Jack was always the violent leader of the hunters who caused the rest to follow him. If he hadn’t dunnit, others wouldn’t have gone savage. Him and his masks and killing. The others were merely obeying authority and conforming.

Prosecution Witness 3: Sam- Winnie

Discuss your time on the island

At the beginning, When Ralph was governing, things worked fine; everyone had their own jobs. I had once hoped it was possible for us to get rescued. However, when Jack started to go against Ralph because of his affixation on hunting, the boys started becoming uncivilized along with Jack. We were all scared by the intensity building up between Jack and Ralph. My brother Eric and I stayed at Ralph’s tribe. After Jack stole Piggy’s specs, Ralph, Piggy, Eric, and I went to negotiate with Jack, but instead Jack tied me and my brother up. Jack tortured us cruelly by poking us in non-vital areas. One time, I just wanted to die instead of being tortured by Jack. We were forced to work in Jack’s tribe eventually. That time was really intense because we needed to be careful of what we did and what we said, so that he would not do anymore bad things on us.

Discuss your knowledge of Jack

At first, I thought he would be a good leader. But after he lost the leader voting, he became a monster. He is violent; he got so obsessed with killing. We knew he had the power of authority, so we were all scared of him - we did everything he asked us to do. Jack also often asked us to beat people up without any reason. Even after Piggy’s death, he wasn’t even surprised and was really proud.

Discuss Simon’s death

After Piggy and Ralph came to Jack’s tribe to join the feast, Jack led everyone in doing the hunting dance with violent lyrics. When Simon crawled out, we were motivated by the lyrics, which were created by Jack. Then we all ran for Simon, and tried to beat him up.

Discuss Piggy’s Death

When we came to the mountain side, Jack fought with Ralph with spears. He ordered the other boys to tie me and Eric up, so Jack had the advantage of fighting one on one. His violent actions motivated the other boys to be mean to us. Eric and I got beat up, and some boys even throw rocks down the mountain at Ralph and Piggy. Then they threw a huge rock at Piggy, broke the conch, and caused Piggy’s death.

Discuss anything else your character knows that is relevant to this case

Jack is violent and uncivilized. He often beats the littluns up with no reason. Because of his power of authority, we were all scared of him, so we were forced to do violent actions. I once joined Jack’s tribe and saw that the boys did whatever he asked them to do in order to get food and not be discriminated. When I was assigned to guard the resting place at night, Jack even asked us to kill Ralph if we see him.

Prosecution Witness 4: Littlelun (Henry)- Alex

The following is the true statement of Henry.

Age of 6

Position on the island : the biggest of the littluns.

Discuss your time on the island

Since my arrival on the island, I have experienced both happy and unpleasant moments. As there is no adult living with us on the island, there is nobody controlling or watching us. I enjoy the freedom of doing whatever I like. I usually play with my friends Percival and Johnny since the three of us are younger than the rest of the group. We have more things in common. We can exchange our thoughts and emotions among us more easily and comfortably. This is not the case when we are at a meeting with all the other children. They do not respect our views, which hurts us. Once we are even bullied by Roger and his friend on the beach. They destroy the sand castle we have built, which upsets us greatly.

Discuss your knowledge of Jack

Jack is physically strong and influential. All the choir members obey him. At the meetings on the island he always argues with Ralph, the leader of the group. Like most of the children on the island, I become one of Jack’s followers, who oppose Ralph. Jack always orders me to do work for him.

Discuss Simon’s Death

The moment, we finish eating the meat, Simon appears in front of us. Simon seems to be like a beast to us. Led by Jack, all of the children rush up and beat up Simon until he dies.

Discuss Piggy’s Death

Piggy’s death is very brutal. I just see Roger use the pole to pull down the big rock, which is the most dangerous weapon. Ralph avoids this attack and Piggy is hit by the rock. He just falls down to the beach and dies. His body is taken away by the sea.

Discuss anything else your character knows that is relevant to this case

After I join Jack’s group, I always need to do a lot of work for him. One night our leader and some big children go out. When they come back, they hold Piggy’s glasses and start to make a fire. Piggy is killed by rock on the next day when he comes to get back his glasses**.**

Prosecution Witness 5: Naval officer- Christine C

Defense Witness 1: Jack- Grace

Discuss your time on the island

We were a bunch of kids who happened to land on this island due to the plane crash. During this period, I was the leader of the hunters who provided the boys with meat. In fact, the boys wouldn’t have survived without my hunters. At first, all the boys gathered together and thought of ways to survive. Then when Ralph started to care too much about the fire and showed his cowardice while we were looking for the beast, I decided that I had lost my respect for him. I no longer respected him as a chief. I left the large group of boys and thought that I would be on my own. But fortunately, I had a few hunters who remained loyal to me and followed along with me. Since then, I became the leader of my hunters. When we killed the first pig, I put the pig’s head on a stick as a gift for the beast, ensuring the security of the island.

2.     Discuss your knowledge of Jack

I am the leader of the hunters. To me, hunting is really important because it really brings all the boys together to work as a group and provide us delicious meat to enjoy. When we demonstrated great team skills and killed the pig, we celebrated as a group and danced together. We never hesitated to share the meat with everyone. We even gave Ralph and Piggy meat when they came to the feast without considering their intentions behind this. In other words, I’m a very generous person.

3.     Discuss Simon’s Death

We were dancing and celebrating the success of our hunt in the storm. Suddenly, a beast-like creature emerged from the forest and the littleuns started to panic. It was a fairly chaotic scene. I’m not sure as to who actually killed the beast, and I’m not planning to make the assertion because that would mean dishonesty. But I am certain that I did not kill it. The beast staggered and fell over the steep edge of the rock to the sand by the sea. I looked around to see where everyone was but when I focused my attention back to the crowd of boys, some boys were already surging after the beast and attacking it. They surrounded the beast, stabbing it with their spears and throwing rocks towards it. The killing happened in a split second. During that time, I stayed outside of the circle, unable to squeezed into the crowd. Then, a dark body was lying on the sand, and we, terrified by the darkness of the night, ran away into the woods.

4.     Discuss Piggy’s Death

I admitted that at that time I had a fight with Ralph. We were fighting with our spears. I didn’t even have the time to notice Piggy when my own life was in danger. However, interestingly, the person who died during that time was not me nor Ralph; it was Piggy who was far away from us. Roger released a huge rock and it rolled down the hill. At that moment when Roger pulled the lever, my tribe and I were facing Ralph and trying to block the entry because Ralph and his followers were trying to intrude our place. I didn’t even notice Roger’s move, not until I felt a jolt in the earth and saw how Ralph ducked the rock. Piggy didn’t see the rock coming and the rock struck him a glancing blow from chin to knee. He was always clumsy. Piggy’s death was a surprise to all of us, even to Roger. However, it happened. We all felt truly sorry for him but there was nothing we could do. We never knew nor understood how Piggy could react so slowly to such fatal threat.

Defense Witness 2: Roger- Elizabeth

*The following is the true testimony and statement of*

**Name** *Roger*

**Age** *12 years’ old*

**Position on island** *Hunter*

*I,* ***Roger****, of Ross Drive, state the following and swear it to be true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is provided as evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have willfully stated anything which I know o be false or do not believe to be true.*

Discuss your time on the island

At first when our plane crushed, I felt very fortunate that I had survived. But this joy was soon replaced by my fear, I was terrified and deeply worried for my fate on this deserted island with no food and shelter. I had no clue how long we would be stuck there and where exactly we were and how we were going to last until we could find hope. It was a mess for all of us. As the day progressed, we explored the island and found other kids around our age. We soon gathered together to choose our leader and discuss our plans for the rest. Although I was somehow disappointed that Jack was not elected as our leader and rather, a kid named Ralph was elected the leader of the group, I was still fine with it because Jack was still the leader of the choir. During the time on the island, despite the fear of night, I was even pretty glad that were no adults here on the island to tell us how to behave. I was assigned to be a hunger on the island, following the rest of the Choir. Hunting was a very exciting and adventurous activity, we all take pride in capturing our “trophy”.

Discuss your knowledge of Jack

Before coming to the island, I was part of the Boy’s Choir at English boys school and Jack was our leader. While on the island, Jack showed his capability as a leader. He is a courageous hunter and a responsible leader who never selfishly kept all the food to himself but shared it to everyone else. Without Jack, we probably would have all died back on the island. When we first heard the existence of a beast on the island, we were all too overwhelmed by fear that we don’t know what to do, but Jack was the only one who stood up and promised that he would eliminate this beast. He was the one who brought back our hope for survival and our enthusiasm for hunting.

Discuss Simon’s Death

It was an accident. At the time, we were all celebrating and feasting, eating the freshly barbecued pork we had just hunt. It was surprising and also amusing for me to see Ralph and Piggy also appeared at the feast later but Jack still shared the food with them. After a while, the storm broke out and Jack told us to the dance while shouting “Kill the Beast! Cut his throat! Spill the blood!”. It was dark and rainy, everyone of us became very hyper and were carried away by the mood of the dance. Suddenly, there was a dark figure crawling out of the forest. Nobody knew what it exactly was because it was pitch dark and we were all too scared so we assumed that it was actually the beast. The dance filled our mind with frenzies and we started to charge at, leapt on and tore up the beast. Our only determination at the time was to kill the beast to ensure our survival on the island so that nobody would still have another restless night. After we had killed the beast, we ran away as fast as we could into the woods, terrified by the darkness and the storm.

Discuss Piggy’s Death

At the time, Jack and Ralph was having a big fight. It was Ralph who started this fight. He kept on degrading Jack as a beast and a thief and was charging at Jack. Jack commands Ralph to leave his camp, and Ralph demands that Jack return Piggy’s glasses. Ralph did not use Piggy’s glasses effectively, putting up fires that never send back any rescuers; it would be better for Jack to use as cooking fire, that way we can sustain ourselves as long as we could on the island. At that moment, Piggy was shouting something with the conch but nobody was listening. At the time I was standing on top of the cliff, hearing the bickering and fighting down below. Everything was a chaos and I wanted to end it quickly. I was worried and scared at the same time that Ralph and Piggy were going to harm Jack. In a split second, I made a rash decision. I decided to use the lever to push down the rock to scare them off. I never knew that Piggy would be so clumsy to react that he was hit by the rock, it was Piggy’s fault that he did not doge in time unlike what Ralph did. I did not intend to hurt Piggy, I just wanted them to stop fighting.

*I affirm that the facts stated I this witness statement are true and that I personally witnessed the actions described.*



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Defense Witness 3: Eric- TQ

(My time on the island)

When our plane crashed, everyone was scared and lost. We had no idea what had happened, we were all trying to figure out where we were, how we ended up here. In the beginning of our first day on the island, I was overwhelmed by the fact that we had to live on this deserted island for god knows how long, but thankfully I had my twin by my side this entire time. My fear gradually went away as the day proceeded to become a rather adventurous one. We explored the island and looked for others. As the days passed, things were looking pretty good If you ask me. Ralph was elected to become the chief and I was okay with that. Everything was good until someone came up with the idea that there might a “beast” on this island! The idea of a “beast” being on this island started to get to us as time went by. Jack stood out first and said that he'd take out the “beast”. After that, Jack started to hunt, and this is where Ralph and Jack began to have disagreements. Those disagreements led to arguments between them and so on. One day, Jack told Ralph, Piggy, Sam and I that he is leaving the group and wanted to start a new tribe, whoever wanted to join his tribe could join. Many horrible things happened after the group had split. I can’t even bring myself imagining the horrible things afterwards.

(My knowledge of Jack)

I didn't know Jack very well, however, I did know that him and his choir boys did all the hunting. I’m thankful of him for providing us food. From what I’ve seen, Jack is a confident person with good intentions. However, he could be too demanding sometimes, which led to several unhappy situations. Therefore, Sam and I choose to stay by Ralph’s side because he is a more conservative leader.

(Simon’s Death)

No one saw it coming. It was a stormy night, my twin and I and rest of Jack’s group were at the feast, eating good food. I saw Piggy and Ralph coming over to the feast, checking up on us maybe. Weirdly, they sat down and joined the feast. After a while, the storm broke out. Jack told us to dance in response to the storm. Later, Ralph and Piggy joined the dance as well. All of a sudden, we saw a beast-resembling black figure crawling out of the forest. Oh god, we were all scared yet hyped at the same time to finally see the beast and were able to kill it. We were determined to kill the beast and end our constant fear for the beast. All of us stood up and ran towards the beast. We weren't thinking at that time. If we weren't going to get rescued and were to live on this island safely and peacefully, the beast had to die. This was my only thought. The next thing we knew, the beast was dead.

(Piggy’s Death)

When Piggy died, Jack and Ralph were having an argument on Jack taking Piggy’s glasses. The situation got heated quickly. Ralph started the fight first, he lunged at Jack and Jack had to fight back to defend himself. While Jack and Ralph were fighting, Piggy was making his speech and we were beside him watching the surrounding for surprise attacks. However, the next thing we knew, a rock pushed by Roger was rolling towards Piggy. We were so shocked, we couldn't do anything. Ralph was quick and dogged the rock. However, being his clumsy self, Piggy was too slow and got hit by the rock. It happened real fast, we didn't even have time to process what had just happened. We never intended to hurt Piggy, we never saw this coming. We’re sorry for what happened to Piggy, but we can’t really do anything about it.

Defense Witness 4: Littlelun Johnny- Lucia

(On time spent on the island)

The first day on the island was a shock for me. I couldn't believe what had happened, where I was. Things got together after that, we would play a lot, eat lots of fruit and explore. The biguns passion for hunting kept me kept from the fear of the beastie. Jack would always say powerful things that made me feel safe. I stayed beside him for most of the time on the island.

(Knowledge of Jack)

He was always courageous. He was the leader of the choir boys. Unlike Ralph, he would make wise and impactful orders and share insightful opinions. He had lots of confidence and we trusted his decisions.

(Simon’s death)

It was a rush. We were all rushed and excited because of the big sow we had hunted at the time. We had a delicious feast. When the storm came, we were dancing and we sang by the fire. It was dark and there was lightning and no one could see or hear anything. With there being talk about the beastie, we were all a little afraid. Suddenly, a dark figure came out. It was pitch dark and I couldn’t see what it was. Because I was afraid, I assumed that it was the beast. Most, if not all of us, got too carried away by the fear and excitement and everything happened at once. We were screaming and yelling in the darkness, next thing I remember was seeing a dark figure flying away from us as we ran into the dark trees in the island.

(Piggy’s death)

Everyone was present that day. I saw it, we all saw it. We all saw that big boulder that came out of nowhere and caused piggy to fall. A few seconds before Piggy’s incident, everyone could clearly see that Jack and Ralph were fighting with spears and punches because Ralph had called Jack a thief. Some time after the fight broke out, I saw Piggy stepped in between them and said some things to Ralph. Ralph then spoke and when he was done, Jack told us to tie Eric and Sam, shortly after Ralph charged at Jack and shortly after also Piggy help up the conch and started speaking. It was a very short while later that the rock hit Piggy and no one moved not even an inch as we all stood speechless as we saw his body hurl through the air and down to the floor of the sea. His body then continued to disappear with the tide. One thing is for certain, Jack Merridew did not kill Piggy. I saw the whole thing with my own eyes and Jack never even fought Piggy. His blood is not on Jack’s hands and there's more than me to prove it.

Defense Witness 5: Maurice- Kethy

I am a choir boy and a bigun who followed diligently behind Jack throughout the whole time we were abandoned on the island.The island was very fun at first, but then things started to get serious after a while. There were many things that I would have been berated for doing back at home but was normal here, everyone seemed to do it. There was no one to tell us no, and very soon there was no right or wrong, things were just done; day in, day out. Jack is my leader, I went with him when we split away from Ralph. He taught me how to hunt and look after myself on this island, he is a very capable leader and is very strong. We were dancing and celebrating this meal that we had worked very hard to kill. It was rainy and gloomy, everyone was happy, fed, and most of the group was here, we were chanting about killing the Beastie. So when Simon came out, all mangled and bloody as he was, he truly looked like a beast, we took this chance since there were so many of us to kill the beast so it wouldn’t attack us. When Piggy died, Ralph and Jack were arguing fiercely, Piggy was just yelling and doing his own thing, it’s his fault he didn’t pay attention to the giant boulder rolling towards him that everyone else saw. When Ralph heard it, he was smart enough to dodge it.  Anyways, he was flung off the side and on to the rocks where he cracked his head open because he was too dumb to get out of the way.

Defense Witness 6: Psychiatrist- Philip

Question#1: As an expert in Psychology, could you briefly tell me the cognitive characteristics of children around the age of 12?

Answer: Children around the age of twelve think differently from adults. They have not yet developed a sense of judgement ( what is right and wrong ) and are very easily influenced by surrounding environment and authority figures (In this case Jack and Ralph) regardless of their identities. They tend to be less rational and quicker in terms of making decisions, and are more emotionally driven than logically.

Question#2: Can you analyse Jack from a psychological perspective and his motivation of doing things?

Answer: Well, Jack appears to become aggressive and bossy but that’s not who he truly is. Jack used to live in a world that are rules and laws that people have to follow and now there’s no authority figure’s restrain so Jack, with his natural leadership, takes on the role of the leader to protect and motivate other children. In order to do that, he has to take initiatives of doing things like hunting and exploring, and has to appear strong and reliable in order to better protect the children even when he is sometimes interpreted as too aggressive.

Question#3: Analyse Simon’s death Why did the boys show aggressive behaviour towards Simon?

Answer: The death of Simon is a consequence of the power of environment. As Simon crawled out from the dark, the children were not aware of his identity and instead thought he was a beast. Out of fear and shock, they took on their role out of self defense and showed aggressive behaviour. Throughout the entire incident they thought Simon was a beast from the island, hence their aggressive behaviour is not directed toward Simon as a person.

Question#4: Analyse piggy’s death. What was going on in Roger’s brain?

Answer: Roger only leaned on the rock because he was getting tired of Piggy’s speech, he held no homicidal intention or whatsoever against Piggy. What has happened when the rock killed piggy was out of Roger’s expectation and he also overestimated Piggy’s physical strength. Roger was just a child still undergoing development, and he sometimes won’t be able to estimate the consequences of his actions. What happened to Piggy was just an unexpected tragedy.

Question#5: Did the boys voluntarily choose to do dangerous acts?

Answer: No, the boy was forced to be “stronger” out of their fear for the unknown environment. Before that they were under the protection of their parents and elderly, so now when they are left alone they need to act as their own guards in order to ensure their safety. Choosing to do dangerous acts are a form of their defence measure in terms of getting to know the island better and defend themselves better. Even when they killed Simon, it was out of their self defence purpose because they thought it was a beast. For children who have never experienced the outer uncivilized world before, they are very easily scared and will be quick in terms of trying to defend themselves.