What do I need to know for the Lord of the Flies exam?

1. Origins of characters’ names:
2. Ralph – wolf counsel
3. Jack – one who supplants (takes by force)
4. Simon – listener/apostle of Christian Jesus
5. Roger – spear
6. Samneric – a combination of the twin’s two names
7. Piggy – a large intelligent but lazy creature

You will be expected to be able to explain how the origin fits the character with examples to support your explanation.

1. Freud – you will need to know how id, ego and superego relate to the characters in the novel

Id –the primal impulses that act without regard for morality or logic.

Superego – the conforming to social norms and rules with guidance from authority figures.

Ego – the balance between the id and superego. This is the conscious part of the self which develops through experience and whose job it is to protect the organism.

1. Blindness – The concept of perception is prevalent. You need to know which characters are literally and metaphorically blind and those who are not. You need to be prepared to explain using specific examples from the novel.
2. Theme – at the heart of man is evil and the only thing that keeps it in check is civilization, rules and authority. Without these aspects, our true nature emerges. Be able to apply this concept to the novel.
3. Civilization: the hallmarks of a civilization according to anthropology: military, architecture, government , art, written language and religion. You must be prepared to discuss how the boys did or did not have any forms of these.
4. Symbols – how do the symbols change and what is the meaning behind the changes.
5. “It is better to be feared than loved.” And “one who is good will fall to so many who are not”. These quotes by Machiavelli can be applied to the novel. Be prepared to do this.