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### The Call for Chief

There are many leaders that possess different traits that reflect what their leadership is like. Some are kind-hearted and there are those that are tyrannical, yet both can be acceptable to a nation. But in a society does it have to have one leader in order to maintain control within a nation or a group? People depend on someone who is going to give instructions, show control, and someone to follow and look up to. People who are the followers often have no other choice but to fulfill the rules of the of leader. Does the concept mean that the followers accept a leader as a person who knows how to leader themselves and the group?

In the beginning of the novel, *Lord of the Flies by William Golding*, a leader was chosen by a group of children on an unknown island without any adults. Since the children were between the ages of six to twelve, they all chose the leader as someone who was stronger and without fear in appearance. Ralph, on the bright side, was the one that looked stronger of the group, especially when he is seen with the conch. The conch that was used to whomever possesses it would be able to speak. Ralph began to announce the rules and

concepts of the island for control of the group while obtaining the conch in his hand. One by one the children said, "Vote for chief"... "Him with the shell"... "Ralph! Ralph!" "Let him be the chief with the trumpet-thing" Random shouts from each of the children making a fast decision to have Ralph as a leader. Ralph stands with the conch which resembles the role of an announcer and a person with a voice". (21) In the need of the children without parental help, they took the nature of choosing a chief. It was one of the first things that was discussed and decided to control the group of children. Though, there were younger children. They were by the mind that they knew they were helpless and didn't obtain have the same knowledge and intelligence as the older kids. Jack, on the other hand, was as old as Ralph but the setting was seen where Ralph carried the conch. The young minds took that Ralph looked more superior within the group and was described with better "size" and "attractive appearance"(21). The conch, however, was also used to call and gather the children together. They took the conch as a symbol of authority and one with the ability to control and decide on the behalf of the group, yet only one person was allowed to speak at a time.

Abraham Lincoln was the sixteenth president of the United States, and because of that he was also the leader of the Union during the Civil War. His leadership contained not only bravery but also the power to know his own weakness. People saw Abraham Lincoln as a tall gentlemen but also very wise with his words. Lincoln never wanted the nation to split apart. He used life examples to prove his point of arguments. He was a man that was never stopped until he succeeded his goals. Some of the goals he had shown was making

sure the nation never divided into two and wanted to end slavery. If Lincoln didn't know his weakness, trust is lost within him. It was his emotionally feelings for the citizens that lead his weakness to become irrelevant. From fastcompany.com, it quotes from Lincoln, "In order to win a man to your cause, you must reach to his heart, the great high road to his reason."

Towards the end of the novel, a separate group of savages are in desperate need of fire to cook the pig they have hunted. The chosen leader of the savage group was Jack, another child of the group that was able the same age as Ralph. Though, his physique was slightly similar as Jack, yet aggressive. Most of the children in the novel has turned to become savages with Jack in need of survival.

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