

One of the main themes explored in *Lord of the Flies* is the idea that we all have the potential for good, and we all have the potential for evil within us. Do you agree with this notion?



Lord of the Flies by William Golding

Good or Evil?

Read each of the quotations below, and then discuss them with a partner. Do you agree or disagree? You must give an explanation of your opinion.

Quotation	Agree or disagree?	Explain / Give an example.
<p>“Man's nature is not essentially evil. Brute nature has been known to yield to the influence of love. You must never despair of human nature.” <i>- Mahatma Ghandi</i></p>		
<p>“Man is the cruelest animal.” <i>- Friedrich Nietzsche</i></p>		
<p>“The world is a dangerous place to live, not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it.” <i>- Albert Einstein</i></p>		
<p>“In spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart.” <i>- Anne Frank</i></p>		
<p>“In each of us, two natures are at war - the good and the evil. All our lives the fight goes on between them, and one of them must conquer. But in our own hands lies the power to choose - what we want most to be we are.” <i>- Robert Louis Stevenson</i></p>		
<p>“The conscience of children is formed by the influences that surround them; their notions of good and evil are the result of the moral atmosphere they breathe.” <i>- Jean Paul</i></p>		
<p>“The line between good and evil is permeable and almost anyone can be induced to cross it when pressured by situational forces.” <i>- Phillip Zimbardo</i></p>		