Lord of the Flies
Context Research – Multimedia Project

Directions: Choose one of the following fields of study, and create a **non-linear** digital presentation (e.g. Glogster or Prezi) to present to the class. Your presentation should not only cover your research topic **in depth**, but also make crucial **connections** to the novel's characters, plot, and themes. The first step is to create an account on either prezi.com or glogster.com. Next, go to msbigelow.net/lord-of-the-flies and explore online links to the research topics. Take notes, and keep track of your sources! Then, as you read the novel, keep track of quotes, events, characterization, dialogue, descriptions, and allusions that relate to your topic. Finally, present your work in an interesting presentation that demonstrates the links between your research and the novel.

1. **Biography** – Research the life of author William Golding. What facts about his education, experiences, or background help us to understand the novel?
2. **Psychology** – Research Freud's theories about the ego, superego, and id. How do the characters and their behavior conform to these ideas?
3. **Biology** – Research Darwin's theory of evolution and natural selection ("survival of the fittest"). How do the external conflicts in the story reflect these ideas?
4. **History I** – Research the Cold War. What are the parallels between the post-war world and the microcosm of the island?
5. **History II** – Research the evacuation of schoolchildren during World War II. How realistic are the experiences of evacuees portrayed in the novel?
6. **Sociology** – Research the practice of bullying among children and connect this phenomenon to the novel. Are children naturally prone to bullying? How do bullies choose their victims?
7. **Theology** – Research ideas of Christianity, including sin, sacrifice, and the nature of good and evil, and connect those ideas to the novel.

Requirements: Your presentation should –
*   Contain images, text, and video
*   Have at least 10 embedded frames
*   Explore your research in depth
*   Make explicit, exhaustive connections between the research topic and the novel
*   Refer to specific details from the novel (examples, quotes, descriptions, paraphrases and/or summaries)
*   List sources of information (websites, books, etc.)