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***Lord of the Flies* Chapter One**

Read the excerpt from chapter one and answer the following questions.

1. Why is it necessary for the boys to elect a chief?
2. Refer to lines 2-3 (“ ‘I ought to ... sing C sharp’”). In these lines Jack gives reasons why he should become chief. Do you consider these reasons to be acceptable? Discuss your views.
3. Refer to line 11 “the conch.” What is a conch? Earlier in this chapter, what happened when Ralph blew the conch? In Chapter 1, what does the conch represent?
4. Refer to line 25 “With dreary obedience the choir …” What do you think these words suggest about Jack as a leader?
5. At the end of Chapter 1 Jack is not able to kill the pig, although he would like to do so. What does this inability (being unable) to act show about him at this point in the novel?