1. In your groups: Read articles, “Unraveling a crowd’s reckless turn” and “Examining the Mob Mentality”

2. Answer questions from article:
   a. How would you define the mob mentality?
   b. How do you think this idea relates to Lord of the Flies? (No credit will be given for any answers lacking depth - “It happens in Chapter 9.”)

3. Watch clips the following clips. Pull out specific quotes/examples to connect with LOTF. An example would be the teenager saying, “It didn’t seem too bad at the time [meaning not calling 911 right away].”
   - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9xbP18_0B4 – negative
   - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1aSbKvm_mKA – positive

4. Discuss differences between powder puff hazing “mob mentality” and Oprah flash mob “mob mentality”.

5. What is the connection between the first video clip and the “Unraveling a crowd’s reckless turn.” Any way there is a connection to LOTF?

6. Discuss how the positive and negative aspects of the mob mentality apply to Lord of the Flies?

7. Leadership is one large theme we have been discussing throughout the novel. Tie in leadership to mob mentality. Who started this attack on Simon? Why did the others join in? Also look at the theme of “savagery” and “civilization” and compare the two.

8. What do the focus on hunting and the desire to kill a pig reveal about the boys’ understanding of life, violence, power and control?

9. Create arguments from the point of view of Ralph, Jack, and Piggy. In the opinion of the character, was Simon’s death an accident? Outright murder? Was it anyone’s fault? Each argument must include citations from the text as part of the explanation – look at Ch. 10.