

### **Abstract**

This research paper analyzes William Golding's novel, *Lord of The Flies*. The novel presents a topic of evil human nature. The primary objective of this research is to reveal the symbolic meanings behind an object from the story, that is, the conch. This study gives an elaborate discussion on the importance of the conch to the story, the symbolic meanings behind the conch, and also discusses about the message that author conveys through the conch.

This research paper applies objective approach, since it is the most suitable approach to study the novel's symbol. Library research is employed to support the analysis.

The result of the analysis shows that the conch is a significant part of the story, that is, because the conch is symbol of the novel through which William Golding shares his perspective to the reader about issues in his society. The conch is the representation of many symbols, such as democracy, free speech, power, law, and order. The symbols represented by the conch are utilized by William Golding to share his thought, as he urges the reader to recognize the complexity of the society, so the reader can understand themselves, other people, and the world.

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