



Background Information  
 Lord of the Flies  
 by William Golding  
 Published in 1954



“It was simply what seemed sensible for me to write after the war when everyone was thanking God they weren’t Nazis. I’d seen enough to realize that every single one of us could be Nazis.”

— William Golding

What does this quote mean to you?

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Background & Context:

- Lord of the Flies was written during the \_\_\_\_\_; however, it was based during \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Cold War was a “\_\_\_\_\_” where the US *feared* the spread of communism and nuclear attack from the Soviet Union.
- WWII was a “\_\_\_\_\_,” where the allied powers (Britain, France, US, and Russia) fought the axis powers (Germany, Italy, and Japan) in their attempt for \_\_\_\_\_.
- In 1938 Britain tried to avoid another war with \_\_\_\_\_ by signing a treaty with Germany. But when Hitler \_\_\_\_\_ the agreement a few months later, it was clear they had to go to war.
- Soon aerial \_\_\_\_\_ of cities began. In order to save the future generations from death, civilians, particularly \_\_\_\_\_ were moved to rural areas.
- Prior to the Battle of Britain, \_\_\_\_\_ people were relocated.

What are the major similarities between the cold war and WWII?

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*British Society:*

- The British are very \_\_\_\_\_. Showing up late is viewed as very \_\_\_\_\_.
- The British culture is influenced by their idea of \_\_\_\_\_. One would never pass someone of the street without saying \_\_\_\_\_.
- The British are also very particular about the way that they \_\_\_\_\_. Blazers, coats, \_\_\_\_\_ are worn on special occasions.
- The British pride themselves on their \_\_\_\_\_ existence.
- The British live in an extremely \_\_\_\_\_ society. Ancient buildings, churches, and \_\_\_\_\_ reflect their heritage.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ exists in conjunction with the Parliament. The royalty of British represent the national \_\_\_\_\_ of the country.

*If you traveled to Britain, how would you have to adapt to conform to their culture?*

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*William Golding:*

- Born September 19, 1911; died June 19, 1993.
- British \_\_\_\_\_, poet, and playwright.
- He was first interested in \_\_\_\_\_ following in the footsteps of his father before transferring him major to \_\_\_\_\_.
- During WWII he fought in the \_\_\_\_\_, and when it was over, he returned to teaching and \_\_\_\_\_.

*Do you think an author's life contributes to the books that they write? Why/Why not?*

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