

## VOCABULARY - *Lord of the Flies*

### Chapters 1-2, Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentences. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean in the space provided.

1. Ralph had been deceived before now by the specious appearance of depth in a beach pool and he approached this one preparing to be disappointed.
2. The most usual feature of the rock was a pink cliff surmounted by a skewed block.
3. There was another island: a rock, almost detached, standing like a fort, facing them across the green with one bold, pink bastion.
4. There came a pause, a hiatus, the pig continued to scream and the creepers to jerk, and the blade continued to flash at the end of a bony arm.
5. He gesticulated widely.
6. Then, with the martyred expression of a parent who has to keep up with the senseless ebullience of the children...
7. A pall stretched for miles away from the island.

### Part II: Determining the Meaning

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| ___ 1. specious     | A. a break                      |
| ___ 2. skewed       | B. a well-fortified position    |
| ___ 3. bastion      | C. a gloomy effect              |
| ___ 4. hiatus       | D. plausible but actually false |
| ___ 5. gesticulated | E. zestful enthusiasm           |
| ___ 6. ebullience   | F. turned to one side           |
| ___ 7. pall         | G. made hand motions            |