



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?

Background & Context:

- Lord of the Flies was written during the _____; however, it was based during _____.
- The Cold War was a “_____” where the US 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?

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?

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?
