**Allegory in *Lord of the Flies –* Part 2**

**ALLEGORY: “A story in which people, things and actions represent an idea or generalization about life; allegories often have a strong moral lesson.”**

**Often, characters in allegories personify some abstract quality.**

**Why?**

* Golding is trying to teach us something about human nature as well as issue a dire warning.

**Political Allegory**

* As a political allegory we, the reader, need only to look at the state of the world at the end of World War II.
* The world was divided into two camps the free world and the Soviet Union much like the camps of Ralph and Jack.

**Why a Warning?**

* The postwar Cold War Era suffered from fears of atomic destruction. *Lord of the Flies* shows the world at the brink of atomic destruction. The novel serves as a warning to the leaders of the world.

**The Conch**

* Ralph’s conch symbolizes power and authority, like a crown for a king or Excalibur to King Arthur.
* The conch also symbolizes order and rule of law.

**Piggy**

**Jack and the Choir**

**The Beast**

**Samneric**