OUT OF SHADOWS

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Essay Questions and Discussion Points

1: How important do you think it is for Jacklin to belong to a group at school?

2: Are there any points in the book where you pity Ivan? Ultimately do you think Ivan gets what he deserves?

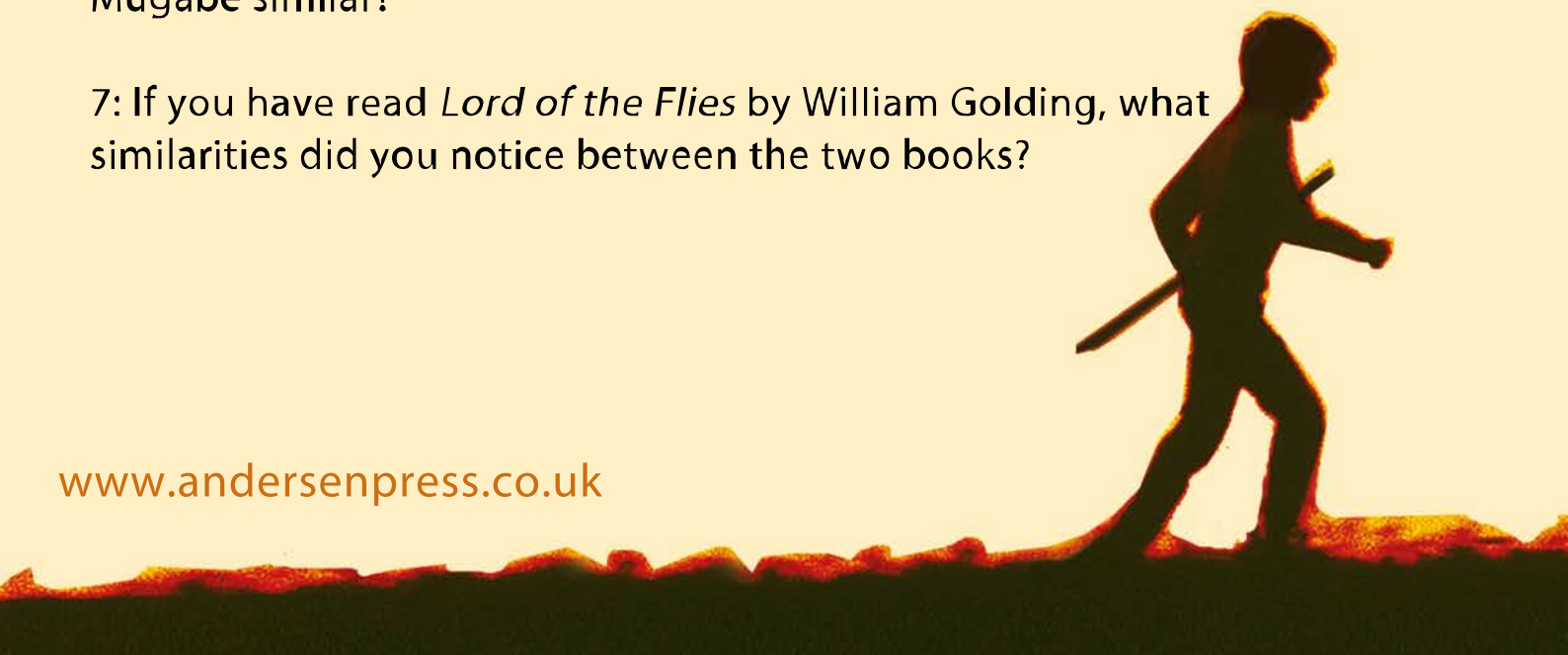
3: History lessons are often the highlight of the week for Jacklin and his classmates. Ivan claims that History is 'In the past. You can't change it.' How does History affect all the characters in this book?

4: Nelson is always dignified, even through Jacklin's betrayal and Ivan's bullying. Is he the real hero of this book?

5: Do you think Jacklin in any way regrets his decision to stop Ivan in his plan to take down Mugabe?

6: Ivan is the leader of their gang at school. In what ways are Ivan and Mugabe similar?

7: If you have read *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding, what similarities did you notice between the two books?



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