Golding was right, humans are born evil

If Rousseau’s idea that humans are born good is right, how come when rules and laws are disregarded, one naturally acts on evil instinct? It appears, Golding is right when he asserts that if it was not for rules and laws, mankind would descend into the total chaos. Books like The *Lord of the Flies by William Golding* which is about a group of English school kid getting trapped on a island and turn into savagery. Lastly *We Need to Talk about Kevin by Lionel Shriver* which is about a trouble kid that has evil intent and his mom is suspicious about his activate throughout the whole book.

One example of Golding’s idea is in the book*, We Need to Talk About Kevin*. In this book Kevin is presented to the reader as an evil person. From the time Kevin was born, Eva, his mom knew something was off about him. As Kevin grew up, he began to show how evil he really was, but only to his mother, his father thought he was just young and naïve. When Kevin’s sister Celia is six years old she suffers a terrible “accident” when she gets sink cleaner in her eye and face, leaving her scarred. Some people believe that Celia was playing around with it because it was not kept out of reach, but it is pretty clear that Kevin attacked his sister and destroyed her eye. In the end Kevin ends up killing his classmates with a crossbow and is put in jail. When Kevin is in jail his mom comes to see him one final time, Kevin’s mom says, “You don’t look happy said Eva Said ‘Have I ever’”. (Shriver 149). This quote demonstrates Kevin was always evil, from the day he was born to his death. Kevin was never changing to turn evil, rather, he changes everyone else around him to makes thing less safe and more evil.

Finally, the source that proves Golding’s idea is the book he wrote himself, *Lord of the Flies*. In the book, a group of English boys are leaving Britain to escape the war. Their airplane crashes into a remote island in the Pacific. During the book, two groups emerge :the hunters/savages led by Jack and the civilized led by Ralph. Eventually the kids kill Piggy and Simon then they try to kill Ralph. However, a navy officer and his cruiser see the smoke from the island and comes to recuse them. There is also a part in the book when Simon is talking to the Lord of the Flies which is a pig’s head on a stick. Simon is hallucinating when the pig’s head is telling him he is weak. The also finds it interesting that the beast was on the mountain when, “The Beast was something you could hunt and kill… you knew didn’t you? I’m a part of you.” (Golding 158). Golding’s idea that the evil is always in everyone and the law of society holds you back from acting on this evil. With Golding’s past of teaching in a prep school, battles in World War 2 and D-Day and the holocaust, he’s seen the worst that the world has to offer and knows how humans will always be evil restricted only by the laws that govern them. Golding writes a strong message throughout his book, this being that with no restrictions and laws, society would collapse, and humans would naturally turn evil.

In the end, these three stories support Golding’s idea that humans are born evil and laws hold us back. If humans are naturally good, then they would not need any laws and rules to control them however the simple fact that laws and rules exist is proof enough that evil exists in all mankind. Golding is right when he asserts that if it was not for rules and laws, mankind would descend into the total and utter chaos and destruction. *We Need to Talk About Kevin* is about a boy being evil from birth, and *Lord of the Flies* has kids turn into savages and killing one another and worship the beast and hides inside of each of them and takes over, proving humans are naturally evil.

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