

- very similar parallels between jonestown and lord of the flies
- to start, both tribes have a heavy focus on the following of a common leader
- People's temple : allowing a new way to live life outside of the real world
- it was an escape from the hardships and struggles of middle america
- members were provided with what they needed, from food and jobs to drug rehabilitation
- jim jones led members of the temple to completely trust him and his voice
- this allowance of trust continued to grow
- mirroring lord of the flies: the boys seek to release their internal desires of savagery through jack and his lead
- jack represents the absence of questioning
- a similarity of the boys on the island and members of the people's temple : neither group took the time to question what they believed
- it's vital to be constantly questioning decisions and beliefs, or society won't progress. an important way question belief in a cause is to ask how this idea was formed and what it effects.
- in jonestown, common aspects of a cult, such as isolation or displacement of power were present, but members did not question their trust in jones
- this same situation is prominent in Lord of the Flies, as the boys don't question the killing and savagery that is incurring because jack has won them over with a lack of logic.
- as similar to lotf, jonestown became a tribe with an absence of social normalities.
- members of jonestown left their entire lives behind them as they believed so strongly in jones
- he was seen as a voice of reason in an unreasonable world
- this was enough for nearly a thousand people to completely leave civilization for

- the theme of irrational decision making is very prominent in both of these tribes.
- the belief of a common cause, such as jim jones, allows for individuals to be heard even when they don't actually have a say
- this is very similar to the way that the boys in lord of the flies follow jack after ralph's tribe falls apart

- jonestown is a tribe with a common outlook held by many tribes: us vs them.
- the tribe is held together by the common principles of christianity and anti racism which keeps the tribe to be quote on quote "together against the world"
- the same principle applies to lord of the flies. as jack shapes the boys into going against the beast, they have an approach that is lacking research into the opposition. their chant of kill the beast spill it's blood is not based off of any actual proof of the beast, but rather the horrific desire to kill.

- reliance on followers keeps tribe leaders strong, but when their power is doubted it can lead to aggression
- this is apparent in lord of the flies as jack's only motive is to constantly hold the power over the boys
- this even means killing in the process
- This theme can be similarity seen in Jonestown. Jim jones had a large following but when desire to overthrow or leave his power he acts irrationality and does everything possible not to lose his control

- the extreme isolation in both settings allows for misinformation being spread
- Jonestown residents were told that they were a target of the us military and that America was rounding up black people into concentration camps. As residents had no other outside information, they believed jones

-the fear of where they'd come from or "escaped" kept most of jones' followers willingly on the island. There was little to no rebellion against jones because his followers trusted his word

-this parallels lord of the flies as the boys follow jack since he is completely confident in his ideals. As many of his boys were under his reign in the choir to begin with, it is easier for the boys to accept the idea of him being control.

-as they had trusted his word back home, it was easy for jack to keep this control. This is the same approach that kept Jonestown running.