The Simpsons episode 5F11 'Das Bus'

1) Which character from the novel does each Simpsons character represent?

Bart:
Lisa:
Nelson:
Milhouse:
Ralph Wiggum:

2) Match each quote from the episode with a quote or line from the novel:

| Bart: “I’m glad we’re stranded. It’ll be just like the Swiss Family Robinson, only with more cursing! We’re gonna live like kings. Damn hell ass kings!” | Ralph: (Groaning after eating some berries) “They taste like burning.” |
| “Kill the dorks! Bash their butts! Kick their shins!” | Bart: “Let’s get to work. Me and Nelson will build the tree house. Martin, draw up plans for a coconut radio and, if possible, a coconut Nintendo system.” |
| Lisa: “Wait! We’re not savages!” | Lisa: “We are not here to debate the existence of monsters.” |
| Lisa: “We are not here to debate the existence of monsters.” | Nelson: “Aw, sucks to the law!” |
| Bart: (About his shelter) “Well, when monsoon season comes you’ll be glad it’s there.” |

3) What four significant objects or things from the novel appear in the episode?

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4) How does the ending of the episode differ from that of the novel?

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5) Why is it appropriate and ironic that the kids become stranded on a desert island while on their way to a Model UN Convention?

Note

The beginning of the episode, in which Bart and Lisa persuade their mother to let them stay up to watch Troy McClure in a TV series about Noah’s Ark, may seem unrelated to the broader episode, but it is not. William Golding intended *Lord of the Flies* as a story of survival in a post-apocalyptic world. In his original manuscript, the novel begins with a long description of the nuclear war that forced the children to be evacuated. Charles Monteith, an editor at Faber & Faber (which would eventually publish the novel), persuaded Golding to remove this section and begin at the moment the children wash up on the island.

Thus, far from being unrelated, the reference to Noah’s Ark, a story of biblical apocalypse, is wholly apt.