Concept: Human Nature

Debate Statement: Be it resolved that it's NOT human nature to put yourself above others

WWI	injustices and Vancouver/ Novel Studies	Disruption and technology	WWII/ WWII novels	LOTF
- soldiers in WW1 were extremely selfless and put their country above themselves every time they went into battle - An example of this is when Frederick Hobson held back the advancing enemy using a gun he was not trained to use long enough for reinforcements to come and drive the enemy	- in *War Child* Jal's mom always put her family above her. She protected them at all costs and even died to help them.	- Entrepreneurs main goal is to fix the biggest problems in our society today - The money is not why most entrepreneurs are doing what they do because it takes hard work to create a startup that might not be successful at all	- in WWII Canada didn't need to go into war and were still devastated from the horrors of WWI but they joined to support Britain. - The allied nations helped each other out when in need. When France was taken over by Germany, the allied nations helped gain back control of	- Ralph continued to build shelters even though he would have rather hunted with the rest of the boys - Ralph knew he had to take care of the boys and was willing to as he wasn't aiming to just get himself off the island, he knew that their best chance at survival was working together

off.			the country. The allied nations were unselfish with each other. - Nicholas Winton rescued 669 Jewish kids from Czechoslovakia on the eve of the Second World War. - During Dunkirk many British civilians risked their lives to take their boast to the beach to save the soldiers. They put the soldiers above themselves	and making compromises. - He made the fire not only to get himself off of the island but to get everyone off of the island

- It depends on how we are raised and our experiences (not strong)

- It's human nature to survive and sometimes you have to put others above yourself to do that
- It's human nature to want to be liked and you can do that by putting others above yourself
- You can put others above yourself for selfish reasons
- The argument is not if it's human nature to be selfish. It is that it's human nature to put yourself about others
- We put others above ourselves because if we see someone struggling it's human nature to want to help them
- **People do put themselves above others but it's not human nature**
- You can balance putting others above yourself and yourself above others. E.g. piggy's glasses got stolen so Ralph went to get them back so he could start the fire and so piggy could see.
- You can put others above yourself but still be selfish (Save for rebuttal)
- It is not in our nature to put ourselves above others
- Saying we put "ourselves" meaning you personally above other people is untrue because it is in our human nature to put our family and community above other people. As humans we need other humans. Our bodies are wired for social contact and that we do better physically and mentally when we have human contact.

Defining human nature: the general psychological characteristics, feelings, and behavioral traits of humankind, regarded as shared by all humans.

The keyword in this statement is human nature, which are the traits that humans follow. The kids on the island were a community, they were all in it together. They hunted together, bonded together, they all had a sense of empathy for each other. Later on, they became more and more isolated, and that drives people to go away from human nature and what's right.