

## The Wicker Man

"To revel in the music, drama of ritual and drama of the old Gods, to love nature, and to fear it, to rely upon it and appease it when necessary."

1. This film was made with the cooperation of who, which is an insight to what religious practices and where is the island located?
2. What is the purpose of the sacrifice of the wicker man and is this a modern or ancient ritual?
3. Name at least 4 things different within a pagan culture than in our current society?
4. The "hare" plays a significant theme in the film. What does the hare represent?
5. What religions in ancient times use to do sacrifices and what were their purposes and why have they evolved to exclude sacrifices? What religions practice sacrifices real or symbolic in current time?

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## Answer Sheet

1. Lord Summerisle, Paganism, off the west coast of Scotland

[The Wickerman Festival Scotland's Alternative Music, Dance and Arts Festival](#)

[The Wicker Man - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia](#)

2. To insure a bountiful crop. Ancient

<http://gate.cia.edu/cbergengren/arthistory/celtic/slides.html>

<http://www.earthspirit.org/fireheart/fhwkman.html>

3. Names of the people, Nudity is accepted. Bakery items of animals, phallic symbols and etc. Names and signs of businesses and symbolism. Dance. Sexual attitude more open. Openly pagan. Only pagan holidays celebrated. Art. Religion taught in school. No police within the community. All the people practice the same religion. The concept of life after death. Medical treatment and medicine. Transportation. Burial rites. Few modern conveniences.

4. Fertility.

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Oracle/6366/totems.html>

5. Open discussion and the links are to show the different faiths through out history that have participated within sacrifice, both human and animal and the religions that still practice these aspects in today's society. This is meant to be educational, not an endorsement.

[http://www.wikimirror.com/Human\\_sacrifice](http://www.wikimirror.com/Human_sacrifice)

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