

The Giver – Chapter 1

Vocabulary

utopia

distraught

apprehensive

Questions

1. Describe the evening ritual.
2. What does Lily mean when she says the visitors acted like animals?
3. What is a family unit?
4. What do you think of Jonas' community? What words might you use to describe it? Give reasons for your answer.
5. Why is Jonas so “careful about language”? How important is it to “choose just the right words” in our society? Explain your answer.

The Giver – Chapter 2

Vocabulary

ceremony

ritual

Questions

1. What do families have to do to acquire a child?
2. When are children allowed to ride their bikes?
3. Who is the Receiver in the community?
4. There are two instances of rule breaking in this chapter. Consider each one. What do you think the punishments ought to be? Explain your reasoning.
5. If some older people in your community were to observe you, what job do you think they would assign you? Why?

The Giver – Chapter 3

Vocabulary

chastise

petulant

bewilder

Questions

1. What do Jonas and Gabriel have in common?
2. What is a “birthmother”? How is this different from the concept of mothering in our world?
3. What game are Jonas and Asher playing? Why does Jonas play?
4. Why does Jonas take the apple home?
5. Why do you think mirrors were rare?

The Giver – Chapter 4

Vocabulary

dwelling

Questions

1. Who is Fiona?
2. What happens if someone does not finish his or her volunteer hours before the Ceremony of Twelve?
3. Describe the release ceremony.
4. In what areas of life do the members of the community have free choice? What areas of their lives are tightly controlled?

The Giver – Chapter 5

Vocabulary

confide

damp

Questions

1. Describe Jonas' dream.
2. What do you think of the morning “dream telling” ritual?
3. Why do you think “Stirrings” are treated with pills?
4. Why do you think the rules are always printed out in capital letters?

The Giver – Chapter 6

Vocabulary

fidget

dangle

interdependence

emblem

Questions

1. When are the newborn named and given to a family unit?
2. What happens to people who are released from the community?
3. Who is responsible for children?
4. Describe the Ceremony of the Nines.
5. How do citizens find their matching spouses?

The Giver – Chapter 7

Vocabulary

recollection

Questions

1. What is the order in which the elevens are seated?
2. How are the children punished?
3. Why was Asher punished? What does this show you about the community?
4. What was Jonas' reaction when he was not called to receive his assignment?
5. Do the assignments given out seem appropriate to you? Explain.

The Giver – Chapter 8

Vocabulary

kinship

benign

astonishment

Questions

1. Describe the current Receiver of Memories.
2. Why was Jonas proud?
3. What are some of the requirements for the assignment of Receiver of Memories?
4. Ten years before, the Committee of Elders failed in their selection of a Receiver. What else happened ten years before? In what way might the two events be connected? Explain your thinking.

The Giver – Chapter 9

Vocabulary

exempt

accustom

restriction

Questions

1. What indicates the highest degree of disgrace?
2. List five instructions that Jonas was given.
3. How do people start to treat Jonas now that he is the new Receiver?
4. Do you think other members of the community might lie? Explain your thinking.

The Giver – Chapter 10

Vocabulary

conspicuous

exhilarating

Questions

1. Why were the doors locked at the Receiver of Memory?
2. How did the Receiver obtain wisdom?
3. What is the simile that the old receiver uses to describe his job? What does it mean?
4. How does the Receiver transmit memories to Jonas?
5. Why does Jonas have no concept of pain? How would your life be different if you never experienced pain?

The Giver – Chapter 11

Vocabulary

startling

frigid

eager

obsolete

Questions

1. Describe Jonas' experience with snow.
2. What is climate control? Why does the community use it?
3. What is the sameness?
4. Why do you think Jonas must experience the memories rather than just hear about them?
5. Why does the Giver say “to have memories is a burden?” How does it ease the burden of the Giver to transmit memories to Jonas?

The Giver – Chapter 12

Vocabulary

fretful

fleeting

relinquish

Questions

1. What was Jonas' dream about?
2. What rules of the old house does Fiona need to learn?
3. List the times when Jonas experiences seeing beyond.
4. What is Jonas beginning to recognize?
5. Why do you think people in the book do not see colours?
How has the absence of colour helped this society? How has it harmed it?

The Giver – Chapter 13

Vocabulary

peering

grimly

Questions

1. Why is Jonas angry at his group mates and himself?
2. Name the difficulties or prohibitions that The Giver had in his family life.
3. When is The Giver called to advise the elders?
4. How did you react to the section about elephants in this chapter? What do you think happened to all the elephants in the world?
5. In the setting of the novel, when children grow up into adults, what happens to their parents? Why? How do you feel about this arrangement? Explain.

The Giver – Chapter 14

Vocabulary

jarred

haste

wry

ominous

Questions

1. How does The Giver end each section (session)?
2. Why does The Giver have all of the memories? Why doesn't the community have them?
3. Why are households only allowed to have two children?

The Giver – Chapters 15 and 16

Vocabulary

grotesque

implore

Questions

1. How does Jonas learn the meaning of warfare?
2. Why does Jonas not want to come back to The Giver?
3. What helps Jonas understand individuality?
4. List some of the good memories Jonas received.
5. How is Jonas now a Giver?
6. How does this chapter affect your view of whether it is better to share memories or bear them alone?
7. How does Jonas learn to love?
8. What clues help you infer what the unnamed celebration was? When were you certain?
9. Why does Jonas need to learn the joy of being an individual (special, unique, and proud)?

The Giver – Chapter 17

Vocabulary

rage

dart

ambush

Questions

1. Why was Jonas so sensitive?
2. Why did Jonas dislike the war games?
3. What occupation does the mother want for Lily?
4. What does father's certainty about the birthday of the twins reveal about how births are handled in the community?
5. Everyone seems to accept the idea of releasing a twin simply because it's a twin in a matter-of-fact way. How do you feel about this attitude?

The Giver – Chapter 18

Vocabulary

overwhelmed

deject

luminous

ruefully

Questions

1. Why is The Giver prohibited from being released?
2. What kind of memories did Rosemary receive?
3. Why was rosemary's release a disaster for the community?
4. Compare and contrast The Giver's feelings for Jonas with mother and father's feelings for Jonas. A graphic organizer will help you with this.
5. What do you think The Giver means when he says, "memories are forever?"
6. What do you think The Giver is thinking about when the narrator says that he is "obviously thinking?"
7. Why is The Receiver's job so important in the community? What should happen if The Receiver should die?

The Giver – Chapter 19

Vocabulary

limped

numbly

Questions

1. In the community, what is to be released?
2. What is the selection process?
3. What shocked Jonas when he viewed his father “releasing” one of the newborn twins?
4. What did Jonas learn about the community’s prohibition (rule) against lying?

The Giver – Chapter 20

Vocabulary

sarcastic

anguish

Questions

1. Why does Jonas have trouble accepting his father's role as a releaser?
2. What do you think The Giver means when he says, "they know nothing?" Do you agree? Explain.
3. Do you agree with the statement that "memories need to be shared?" Explain why or why not.
4. Now what do you think pale eyes signify? Explain how you came to this conclusion.
5. How did The Giver and Jonas plan to change the society in the book?
6. Why did The Giver decide to stay behind to help the community? Do you think he made the right decision? Why or why not?

The Giver – Chapter 21

Vocabulary

meticulously

frazzled

haphazard

Questions

1. Why does Jonas change his escape plan?
2. What charges would Jonas receive if he were caught?
3. Why was Gabriel going to be released?
4. How did you feel when father was so calm and sweet as he talked about Gabe's release?
5. What do you think happened in the community the day that Jonas left? What do you think The Giver did?
6. Why do you think the planes stopped?

The Giver – Chapters 22 and 23

Questions

1. What new things, images, and feelings to Jonas and Gabe experience in this chapter?
2. In your opinion, if Jonas and Gabriel starve, will their efforts have been worth it? Explain your thinking.
3. Why does the book say, “he had made the wrong choice,” and then a few lines later say, “there had really not been a choice?” How might you explain these contradictory statements?
4. What could have brought Jonas to the point where he could cry for Gabriel but not for himself?
5. Jonas has a feeling that Elsewhere is near, even though he has no solid evidence. Have you ever had had a similar experience? Explain what happened.
6. How does the content of Jonas’ memories change as he approached the summit of the hill?
7. What does it mean that Jonas found a memory of his own?
8. What questions did the author leave unanswered at the end of the book?
9. How do you interpret the end of the book?
10. Was this a good novel? Why or why not?