



## Hope Christian Schools, Inc.

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## 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading

### Novel: The Giver by Lois Lowry

*These notes and questions are required for all Hope Christian School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade students and are due the first day of the new school year. Failure to turn in these questions will result in a grade of zero which can seriously affect the first quarter grade. A test over the reading will be given the first week of school.*

**VOCABULARY WORDS FROM THE GIVER:** Write the definition that is the best description for its use in the chapter.

#### Chapter 1-2

palpable  
wheedle  
adherence

#### Chapter 9-11

exempted  
integral  
exhilarating

#### Chapter 17-19

fleeting  
glum  
luminous

#### Chapter 3-5

chastisement  
petulantly  
tabulated

#### Chapter 12-13

admonition  
skeptically  
assimilated  
solace

#### Chapter 20-23

mimicked  
sarcastic  
rueful

#### Chapter 6-8

relinquish  
exuberant  
meticulously

#### Chapter 14-16

daub  
ominous  
placidly  
obsolete

### **READING REVIEW QUESTIONS:**

#### Chapter 1-2

1. Why might the arrival of a jet be a terrifying experience for the entire community?
2. What was unique about the way children are born and infants are cared for in the community?
3. Why was it so difficult to get rules changed in the community?
4. What two things did the committee consider when giving children their life assignments?

#### Chapter 3-5

5. Why were Gabe's eyes of such interest to Jonas?
6. How did Lily react to the new word "hippo"? Why did she react this way?
7. Why did Jonas risk the humiliation of public chastisement for taking an apple from the recreation area?
8. Why do you think Birth mothers, or biological mothers, held such a low status in the community?

### Chapter 6-8

9. What did the family have to do in order for Gabriel to be allowed a second year of nurturing?
10. What do you think was the difference between RELEASE and LOSS based on the way the community used these words?
11. Why had Asher been punished for confusing the words “snack” and “smack”?
12. What set the Ceremony of Twelve apart from all other age ceremonies?
13. What was unusual about the appearance of the bearded Elder? What was significant about this characteristic?
14. Name four qualifications that Jonas had for being the next Receiver of Memory?
15. What is the cliffhanger at the end of chapter 8?

### Chapter 9-11

16. Which item in the list of duties and responsibilities frightened Jonas? Why did this frighten him?
17. Why was the concept of pain beyond Jonas’ comprehension?
18. What was unique about the Annex?
19. At first, why did Jonas misinterpret the Receiver’s job of transmitting memories of the past?
20. What two lessons did Jonas learn about the sun?
21. Why did the Giver appear a little sad at the end of the first day of training?

### Chapter 12-13

22. How did Jonas’ relationship with his parents and friends change after he received his Life Assignment?
23. How did The Giver explain the visual phenomena that Jonas witnessed? What did this reveal about the community?
24. Why did the community relinquish the ability to perceive color?
25. Why did the Giver warn Jonas about having a spouse and children?
26. Why was The Giver bitter about the Council of Elders?

### Chapter 14-16

27. How was Jonas’ second experience with snow unlike the first?
28. According to The Giver, why did Jonas have to receive and store memories of pain?
29. Why did The Giver apologize to Jonas after sharing the memory of war?
30. Why were Jonas and his father worried about Gabriel’s fretfulness at night?
31. How did Jonas try to solve this problem?

### Chapter 17-19

32. How did Jonas react to the children’s war game?
33. Why did Jonas feel powerless and alone when Fiona and Asher rode off on their bicycles?
34. Why did the community refer to the former Receiver-in-training as a failure? How did this failure affect the rules that applied to Jonas?
35. What shocked Jonas when he viewed his father “releasing” one of the newborn twins?
36. What did Jonas learn about the community’s rule about lying?

### Chapter 20-23

37. Why was The Giver now ready to make a plan for change?
38. Why would Jonas’ departure from the community lead to possible change?
39. Why did The Giver decide to stay behind to help the community?
40. Why did Jonas and The Giver choose the December Ceremony as the time to implement their plan?
41. Do you think the story had a happy ending? Why or why not?