

English 8 Summer Reading: *The Giver* by Lois Lowry

Your answers for *The Giver* must be submitted in Turn It In by August 16 by 11:59 pm. A hard copy of both assignments must be brought to class the next day.

Choose **five** of the following questions. Answer each of the five you choose with a minimum of four sentences (short paragraph). Be sure to put the number and the question at the top; then answer it below (double-spaced; Times New Roman; 12 pt. font).

Questions for Essay and Discussion

1. What evidence shows that Jonas does not initially understand what happens when a person is released?
2. How does the community control sexuality? What are the rules concerning nudity? Why do these rules exist?
3. Which of the rules are “almost always” broken without any punishments? What is the worst punishment possible?
4. On the surface, the Nurturers seem to be doing everything they can to help Gabriel. What is fundamentally wrong, by our standards, with the way the community evaluates newchildren?
5. Many cultures have a system by which they select careers for the young adults in their community. Do you agree or disagree with this concept? Is it better to have young adults choose their own careers? Why?
6. In what ways might the “release” of the old and the infirm benefit the community? What are the dangers of this policy?
7. How does the author inform the reader that the climate of the community is artificially controlled? What are the advantages and disadvantages of climate control?
8. Comment on the following phrases from the story. In what ways are they clichéd?
 - Thank you for your childhood.
 - I apologize for...
 - We accept your apology.
 - I’m glad you told us of your feelings.
9. Distinguish between third-person omniscient, limited omniscient and objective points of view. Which one is used for this story? Why do you think the author selected it?
10. In what ways is the Giver’s dwelling different from all of the others in the community? What do you think surprises Jonas the most about the Giver’s room?
11. What happened to the last replacement for the Receiver? How might this foreshadow what will happen to the community when it receives Jonas’s memories?

Instructions for Turn It In: if you are a former student and already have a Turn It In account, then please log in and use the drop down box to find my name to add your summer reading assignments. If you are new to TKA, please log in to Turn It In and follow the prompts that are given. The password for my class is: grade8rocks and the ID# is: 12530130 www.turnitin.com

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