

8th Grade Summer Reading Study Guide
***The Giver* by Lois Lowry**

Ch. 1

1. Why is the appearance of the aircraft a frightening event?
2. What is one evening ritual in Jonas's house?
3. Why do **you think** Jonas or Lily wouldn't know what the word "animal" means exactly?
4. What is Jonas's father's title?

Ch. 2

5. What rule did Jonas's father break?
6. What do Nines receive at the Ceremony of Nine?
7. What is taken away at the Ceremony of Eight?
8. What was Jonas's comfort object?
9. What is Lily's comfort object?

Ch. 3

10. Why does Lily think that Gabriel and Jonas may have had the same birth mother?
11. Why is Birth Mother an undesirable position?
12. Why did Jonas take the apple home?

Ch. 4

13. Volunteer work is required. What is the rumor about an Eleven who had not completed the required hours?
14. What happened to Roberto? What was the tone during the event?
15. Why are suggestions to the committee a ridiculous idea?

Ch. 5

16. What are Stirrings?
17. What is the treatment for Stirrings?
18. How long must one take the treatment?
19. Explain the following quote: "Always better, less rude, to talk about things that were the same."

Ch. 6

20. Why do Fours, Fives, and Sixes all wear jackets that button down the back?
21. What is Gabriel's unusual and special reprieve?
22. Where do the released go?
23. Why is Caleb a replacement child?
24. How are most of the Nines able to ride their bikes immediately after the Ceremony of Nine?
25. Why is Jonas certain that whatever the assignments are, they will be the right ones?

Ch. 7

26. Why did Asher ask for a smack?
27. Why is Asher's assignment suited for him?
28. Why is Fiona's assignment suited for her?

Ch. 8

29. Why did the announcer skip Jonas in announcing the assignments?
30. When was the last time someone was selected to become a Receiver of Memory?
31. What are the four qualities that a Receiver must have?

Ch. 9

32. What do **you think** will be the most difficult rule for Jonas to follow? Why?

Ch. 10

33. Jonas stated, "I thought there was only us. I thought there was only now." What is the truth?
34. What is the Giver able to switch off?
35. What is the first memory transmitted to Jonas?

Ch. 11

36. What happened to snow and sleds and hills?
37. The Giver has great honor but it is not the same as _____.
38. What is the first painful memory Jonas receives?

Ch. 12

39. What do the administrators at the House of Old use on the Old, the same as for small children?

40. Jonas shows a special capacity before he came to the Giver. What is it?

Ch. 13

41. What are the benefits and drawbacks to having the ability to choose?

42. Who does Jonas try to transmit memories to?

43. Why does the Community of Sameness need a Receiver of Memory?

Ch. 14

44. Why does Jonas think everyone should have the Memories?

45. Why are they called The Giver and The Receiver rather than the Memory Sharers? (What happens to the Memories?)

Ch. 15

46. What is the memory that the Giver asks Jonas to receive?

Ch. 16

47. What is the favorite memory the Giver gives Jonas?

48. What is Jonas's first lie to his parents?

Ch. 17

49. What game upsets Jonas?

Ch. 18

50. Who was Rosemary?

51. What happened to the Community after her release?

Ch. 19

52. Jonas's father may not have the memory to understand exactly what Release is, but Jonas does. What does Release really mean?

Ch. 20

53. What common physical characteristic does Jonas, the Giver, Gabriel, Rosemary, and a little Six named Katharine share?

54. Before becoming the Receiver, Jonas saw color. What did the Giver experience when he was a child that was different from others?

55. What are the Giver and Jonas planning?

56. Who was Rosemary? (What new information is revealed in this chapter?)

Ch. 21

57. What prompted Jonas to escape sooner than planned?

58. As Jonas gets farther and farther from the Community, what happens to the memories he has?

Ch. 22

59. List the pros and cons of Jonas's choice to leave the Community.

Ch. 23

60. What do **you think** happens at the end of the novel?