

The Giver Chapter Study Questions

Chapter 1

1. Describe the society in which Jonas lives.
2. What will happen to the pilot who flew the wrong way?
3. What is the "release" in this society?
4. How are children cared for in Jonas' society?
5. What are the rules regarding numbers in a family unit?

Chapter 2

6. What is the private conversation Jonas has with his parents?
7. What rules does Jonas' father disobey?
8. What is the Ceremony of 12 and why is it so important?

Chapter 3

9. How does the society react to eye color? What is the significance of "pale eyes"?
10. For taking an apple home, how was Jonas disciplined?
11. Why had the apple interested Jonas?

Chapter 4

12. What is the purpose of the volunteer hours?

Chapter 5

13. What is the morning ritual?
14. Why was Jonas embarrassed by his dream? What must he do each day now?

Chapter 6

15. What does a jacket with buttons signify? A bicycle?
16. What is the difference between loss and release in Jonas' society?
17. Who makes the important decisions in Jonas' society?

Chapter 7

18. What do the numbers mean for each person?
19. What is Asher's assignment? What is Fiona's assignment?

Chapter 8

20. What is announced as Jonas' assignment?
21. What qualities does the Chief Elder explain Jonas will need?

Chapter 9

22. What does Jonas learn about the failed Receiver of Memory?
23. What are Jonas' instructions for his Receiver training?
24. Why is Jonas (and the current Receiver) exempt from some of the rules such as rudeness and lying?

Chapter 10

25. What is different about the Receiver of Memory's dwelling?
26. What will Jonas' position as Receiver of Memory involve?
27. Why is it important for Jonas' society to save memories?

Chapter 11

28. What is the first memory The Giver gives to Jonas? How does he give the memory to Jonas?
29. How does Jonas feel when he receives the memory?
30. How are The Giver's burdens lessened in working with Jonas?

Chapter 12

31. What is Jonas' first lie?
32. What is Jonas seeing in Fiona's hair, the apple, and the sled?
33. Why do people in Jonas' society not perceive colors? Why does The Giver say that the people had to let go of colors so many years ago?

Chapter 13

34. Jonas comes to understand why people can't be allowed to make their own choice and decisions. Why can't people be permitted to do such things?
35. Why does The Giver say it is difficult for a Receiver to have a spouse and a family?
36. How did the last Receiver's failure affect the community?

Chapter 14

37. When the Giver gives Jonas the memory of breaking a leg while sledding, how does he react?
38. What wisdom does hunger provide?
39. How does Jonas calm Gabriel? Why does Jonas decide not to confess giving away a memory?

Chapter 15

40. Why does The Giver say, "Forgive me"?

Chapter 16

41. What is The Giver's favorite memory?
42. What does Jonas' society lose without grandparents? What do they gain?
43. When Jonas asks his parents about love, how do they react?
44. Why does Jonas throw away his pill?

Chapter 17

45. What is Jonas' reaction to the game of "war"? Why?
46. How is Gabe proceeding?

Chapter 18

47. What happened to Rosemary? What happened to the memories transferred to Rosemary?
48. How were the training rules changed as a result of what happened to Rosemary?
49. Why does the Giver advise Jonas to stay away from the river?

Chapter 19

50. What does Jonas learn about rule 3 from his training?
51. Why are twins not acceptable in the community? How is their fate determined?

Chapter 20

52. What are the specifics of the plan Jonas and The Giver come up with?
53. How did The Giver first experience seeing beyond?
54. The Giver tells Jonas that once they have finished their work together, he wants to go and be with his daughter. Who is The Giver's daughter?

Chapter 21

55. What makes Jonas' escape plan fall apart?

Chapter 22

56. In what ways does Jonas think about starvation? How would he have starved if he had stayed home?

Chapter 23

57. What weather conditions impede Jonas' progress toward Elsewhere?
58. How do Jonas and Gabe finally get to safety?