

THE GIVER

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CHAPTER QUESTIONS

Review – chapt 10

1. What do you think it means to live in a place where no doors are ever locked?
2. Jonas says, “I thought there was only us. I thought there was only now.” Do you think that’s a good way to live? Explain.



Chapter 11 (pg. 80-87)

1. Explain how the process of receiving a memory works.
2. Infer why The Receiver’s title was changed to The Giver.
3. Describe the memory The Giver transmits to Jonas.
4. Discuss how Jonas feels about the memory he receives.
5. Compare a new experience that you enjoyed to Jonas’s first experience of snow.
6. What other memories does Jonas receive? (describe at least 3)
7. Explain the two ways in which Jonas can see.
8. How are the burdens of the society lessened by the Receiver? How does Jonas less the burdens of the current Receiver?
9. Based on The Giver’s comments, measure the age of the community.
10. What was the purpose of eliminating aspects of nature when the community went to Sameness? (what were they?) Can you imagine giving up such things because they are impractical?
11. Distinguish between honor and power as they refer to The Giver’s position in the community.

Chapter 12

1. Describe how Gabriel sleeps.
2. Discuss the dream that Jonas has. How does Jonas feel about the dream when he wakes up?
3. Relate how Jonas’s position makes him feel different from his classmates.
4. Infer why the Old are punished for disobedience and what the punishment says about the community’s culture.
5. List the three examples of “seeing beyond” that Jonas experiences.
6. Generalize what seeing beyond means.
7. Contrast The Giver’s memories with the memories of the other citizens in the community.
8. What does the world look like to the citizens of this community?
9. List items over which the community gained control and items they let go. Was the trade-off worth it? Would you want to give up these things? Why or why not? Give reasons to support your answers.