**The Giver**

Chapters 1 & 2

1. What was the unidentified aircraft at the beginning of the story and what happened to the pilot?
2. What happens at the end of every family meal? Do you find this unusual?
3. What is Jonas’ father’s job? What does he do at work?
4. Describe some of the limitations imposed on each family unit.
5. What baby if Jonas’ father so concerned about? Why is he concerned?
6. Describe Jonas and Asher’s friendship.
7. Rules are very important. What rule is almost always broken by the community but wasn’t taken seriously?
8. What is the most important job in the community?
9. How do their lives change after the Ceremony of Twelves? What is different?
10. Describe what you know about the story so far. What kind of society do you think they live in?

Chapters 3 & 4

1. What is so different about the newchild versus the other citizens? What is the newchild’s similarity to Jonas?
2. How many years could you serve as a birth mother? What did you do after that?
3. What did Jonas take from the Recreation Area? What happened to him after that?
4. What was it about the object that he took that concerned Jonas?
5. Why was the newchild Gabriel staying with Jonas’ family unit?
6. Each citizen completes volunteer hours. Name one person and where they complete their volunteer hours.
7. What do those volunteer hours help determine?
8. What celebrations did they have at the House of Old? What did they do at those celebrations?
9. What happens when a person is released?
10. What is the general attitude of someone who is being released? Use Roberto as an example.

Chapters 5 & 6

1. In chapter 1 we saw the evening ritual (the telling of feelings). What is the morning ritual? Why do you think they have these rituals?
2. What dream did Jonas have? What was his mother’s explanation of his dream?
3. What was the treatment for this dream, and how long do you have to take it?
4. Describe Jonas’ reaction to having the treatment to Jonas’ reaction to his dream.
5. Why do Fours, Fives, and Sixes all wear jackets with buttons down the back?
6. At what age do you receive a jacket with buttons down the front, and what does that represent?
7. Describe another privilege for a different age.
8. Explain what happened to Caleb.
9. What happens to people when they want to leave the community? Where do they go?
10. Explain the process of receiving a spouse (a husband/wife/partner).

Chapters 7 & 8

1. At what age does your age no longer matter? Why not?
2. Why did Asher get smacked a lot when he was 3? Why would this not be appropriate today?
3. What was Jonas’ reaction when he was skipped over during the ceremony?
4. What reason did Jonas think was why he was skipped?
5. Jonas was not assigned, but selected. Why is his job unique?
6. The Receiver of Memory possesses intelligence, integrity, courage, wisdom, and the capacity to see beyond. Do you think Jonas possesses these qualities? Give an example.
7. How did Jonas respond to his selection?
8. What happened when Jonas looked out into the audience?
9. What were his feelings toward his new role?
10. What do you think the job Receiver of Memory entails?

Chapters 9 & 10

1. Why did things seem tense for Jonas after the ceremony?
2. What happened to the girl who was supposed to be trained for the Receiver of Memory job?
3. Why was Jonas surprised by his instructions?
4. What realization does Jonas come to at the end of chapter 9?
5. Where does Jonas head for his training?
6. Name 2 differences between the office and the rest of the community.
7. What memories does the Giver want Jonas to have?
8. The Receiver compares his life to an analogy. Describe the analogy and what it means.
9. What does Jonas have to do to receive the memories?
10. The Giver is going to give Jonas his first memory. Why will this be a shock for Jonas?

Chapters 11 & 12

1. Describe Jonas’ perception of his first memory?
2. What happens to the memory once the Giver gives it away to Jonas?
3. The second memory was warm and comforting. Describe the element of pain discovered in the memory.
4. Why did Jonas feeling uncomfortable listening to all of the twelves about their first day of training?
5. What weird things keep happening to Jonas?
6. What does he do about these recurrences?
7. Why did colours and snow disappear from their society?
8. How does the Giver help Jonas?
9. Describe Jonas’ encounter with Fiona at the end of chapter 12.
10. Name 3 red things that Jonas has seen so far.

Chapters 13 & 14

1. In the community, the scientists changed the genes to make everything look flat and hueless, without colour. Why were the citizens not allowed to make choices?
2. Describe the horrible memory that the Giver gave to Jonas.
3. Why would it be difficult for Jonas to have a spouse?
4. What happened 10 years ago when the last Receiver-in-Training failed?
5. Why is it important that the Receiver keep all the memories?
6. Why does Jonas want the Giver to start giving him some painful memories?
7. How was the second snow/sled experience different from the first?
8. Describe the daily ritual of Jonas and the Giver. How do they proceed?
9. What memory prevented the birth mothers from having 4 babies instead of 3?
10. What was Gabriel’s main problem and what did Jonas do to calm him down?

Chapters 15 & 16

1. What was wrong with the Giver?
2. What does Jonas do to offer to help?
3. Describe the memory that was causing him so much pain.
4. Describe a new good memory that was given to Jonas.
5. How do you think the Giver feels about Jonas? What is their relationship?
6. Describe the Giver’s favourite memory that he gave away.
7. What new feeling was Jonas beginning to experience?
8. Why does Jonas realize that the feeling would be risky to possess?
9. What does Jonas throw away that is significant at the end of the chapter?
10. Jonas is undertaking a journey in himself. How do you think he is feeling now?

Chapters 17 & 18

1. What has happened since Jonas stopped taking his pills?
2. Jonas found his friends and started playing with them. What game were they playing?
3. What happened? Why was Jonas upset?
4. What would his father do the next day when the identical twins were born?
5. How does Jonas’ father describe a Release?
6. The last Receiver-in-Training’s name was Rosemary. Why did she fail?
7. What did she ask when she could no longer bear the pain of the memories?
8. What happened to the memories when Rosemary died?
9. What did the Giver do to help the people?
10. How does Jonas deal with the memories?

Chapters 19 & 20

1. Now that he is a Receiver-in-Training, Jonas is allowed many more privileges. What did he decide he wanted to watch?
2. What his father describes and what Jonas sees are not the same. What is different?
3. Jonas discovers what it means to be “released”. What does it mean?
4. What is Jonas’ reaction to all of this?
5. How does the Giver help Jonas?
6. Who is the community gets released?
7. Jonas and the Giver come to the conclusion that the community needs a change. Why do you think they feel this way?
8. What is their plan?
9. Is the Giver going with Jonas? What is his role?
10. What do we find out at the end of the chapter?

Chapter 21 &22

1. What throws a wrench into Jonas’s plans?
2. What does he decide to do?
3. Name 2 crimes that Jonas committed when he left.
4. Why couldn’t the search planes see them?
5. Why did Jonas make himself and Gabriel cold as the search planes flew overhead?
6. How did Jonas know that the community was starting to give up the search?
7. How did the landscape change as they traveled?
8. What did Jonas fear now that the planes were gone?
9. Jonas and Gabriel were cold, wet, hungry, and weak. What else was Jonas crying about?
10. Gabriel is an important character in the novel. What do you think he represents?

Chapter 23

1. Why was Jonas feeling happy ?
2. What is one of the first things that Jonas sees?
3. Make a connection between Jonas’ discovery and his memories.
4. Where are he and Gabriel now?
5. What do you think happened after they discovered the little village?

**Final Analysis:**

Analyze the use of one of the following themes throughout the novel.

* The Importance of Memory
* The Relationship between Joy and Pain
* The Importance of the Individual

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Use 3 examples from the book that demonstrate this lesson.