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Reading Journal

My thoughts, chapter by chapter

Reader:

Book Title:

The Giver

Author:

Lois Lowry

Date Started:

Date Finished:

Keep reading. Keep wondering.
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How to Answer

Your answer does not have to be perfect. Just answer in complete thoughts and use details from the chapter.

How to structure your answer

A strong answer usually has a few parts. Try these steps:

1. **Answer the question.** Start with one sentence that answers the question directly.
2. **Give an example.** Add a detail or moment from the chapter that shows what you mean.
3. **Explain why.** Tell why it mattered, or how it made you think or feel.
4. **Wrap it up.** Finish with a closing thought, a question, or a prediction.

Chapter 8: Why is Jonas chosen to be the Receiver of Memory, and which of the required qualities do you think will be hardest for him?

Example answer: I think Jonas is chosen because he is thoughtful and can see things differently than other people. The leaders say he has qualities like intelligence, courage, wisdom, and the Capacity to See Beyond. I think courage will be the hardest for him because he has to face pain and secrets that no one else understands. It would be scary to be so different from all your friends.

Chapter 23

Chapter 23: What do you think happens at the end of the story, and what clues from the chapter support your thinking?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

How to Answer (continued)

Chapter 13: Jonas learns more about choices. Do you think it is better for people to make their own choices even if they make mistakes? Why or why not?

Example answer: I think it is better for people to make their own choices, even when they might make mistakes. Choices help people learn who they are and what they care about. In Jonas's community, people are safe, but they do not get to pick many important things. I would rather have freedom and learn from mistakes than have every choice made for me.

Chapter 21: Why does Jonas leave earlier than planned, and what does his choice show about his character?

Example answer: Jonas leaves early because he finds out that Gabriel is going to be released. He knows that release really means death, so he has to act quickly to save him. This shows that Jonas is brave and loving because he risks his own safety for Gabriel. It also shows that he is willing to do what is right, even when it is dangerous.

Chapter 1

Chapter 1: Why is Jonas feeling uneasy at the beginning of the story, and what do his feelings show us about his community?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 22

Chapter 22: As Jonas and Gabriel travel, what new dangers and beauties do they experience outside the community?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 21

Chapter 21: Why does Jonas leave earlier than planned, and what does his choice show about his character?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 2

Chapter 2: What do you learn about the Ceremony of Twelve, and why do you think it is such an important event for children in Jonas's community?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 3

Chapter 3: Jonas notices that Gabriel's eyes are like his own. Why might this small detail be important later in the story?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 20

Chapter 20: What plan do Jonas and The Giver make, and why do they believe the community must receive the memories?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 19

Chapter 19: What does Jonas discover about release, and how does this discovery change his view of his father and the community?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 4

Chapter 4: How does the House of the Old help us understand the rules and values of Jonas's community?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 5

Chapter 5: What does Jonas learn about dreams and feelings in this chapter, and how does his family react to his dream?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 18

Chapter 18: What happened to Rosemary, and why does her story make Jonas and The Giver worry about memories?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 17

Chapter 17: How does Jonas's friendship with Asher change after Jonas stops taking his pills, and what does this show about Jonas's growth?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 6

Chapter 6: How are birthdays and growing up different in Jonas's community than they are in our world?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 7

Chapter 7: How does Jonas feel when his number is skipped at the Ceremony, and what would you have felt in his place?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 16

Chapter 16: Jonas receives happy memories like family, love, and holidays. Why does the word 'love' become important to him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 15

Chapter 15: What does Jonas experience in the memory of war, and how does this memory affect his feelings about his Assignment?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 8

Chapter 8: Why is Jonas chosen to be the Receiver of Memory, and which of the required qualities do you think will be hardest for him?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 9

Chapter 9: How do Jonas's new rules change the way he thinks about his family, his friends, and his community?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 14

Chapter 14: How does the memory of pain change Jonas, and why does The Giver say that the community needs a Receiver?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 13

Chapter 13: Jonas learns more about choices. Do you think it is better for people to make their own choices even if they make mistakes? Why or why not?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 10

Chapter 10: What is surprising about the Receiver's living space, and what does it suggest about his role in the community?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 11

Chapter 11: What memories does Jonas receive first, and how do they change the way he understands the world?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?

Chapter 12

Chapter 12: Jonas begins to understand color, especially the color red. Why is seeing color important, and what does it show about his community?

New word I learned:

What do you think it means?
