

## The Giver – Study Guide and Reading Comprehension Questions

### Chapter 1

- What was the unidentified aircraft at the beginning of the story?
- What did they do with the pilot?
- What is the main character's name?
- What was his best friend's name?
- Near what month did the story begin?
- What was the ritual that the family did at the end of their evening meal?
- What was the main character's father's job?
- How many children could each family have?
- What was the main character apprehensive about?

### Chapter 2

- People receive their babies at what ceremony?
- What was the name of the baby that the father was so concerned about?
- What was Jonas's sister's name?
- How old did you have to be to get your first bike?
- What rule was almost always broken by the community and wasn't taken seriously?
- What is the most important job in the community?
- Why was the Ceremony of Twelves the most important ceremony?
- How did their lives change after the Ceremony of 12's?
- What was Lily's comfort object?
- What was Jonas's comfort object?

### Chapter 3

- What was so different about the new child?
- What was the new child's comfort object?
- How many years could you serve as a birth mother?
- What did you do after being a birth mother?
- What had Jonas taken from the Recreation Area and was reminded by public announcement that he was not to do that?
- What was it about the apple that concerned Jonas?
- What were Jonas and Asher doing to the apple?
- Why was Gabriel staying with Jonas's family unit?

### Chapter 4

- What did Benjamin do for his volunteer hours?
- What did Lily do for her volunteer hours?
- Where did Asher and Fiona work?
- What did Jonas help do at the House of Old?
- What celebrations did they have at the House of Old?
- What do at the celebrations?
- Where do they go when one has been released?
- How did Roberto look when he walked through the door of the Releasing Room?

### Chapter 5

- What was the morning ritual for Jonas's family?
- What dream did Jonas tell his family he had?
- What did his mother call the dream?
- What was the treatment?
- Who all takes these pills?

How long must one take the pills?  
How did Jonas feel about taking the pills?  
How did Jonas feel about the stirrings?

## **Chapter 6**

Fours, fives, and sixes had to wear jackets that were buttoned down the back. What was that to teach them?  
Sevens wore a jacket that was buttoned down the front. What did that represent?  
Nines got their bicycle. What did that represent?  
Why was a replacement child given for the four-year-old Caleb?  
Lily went through the Eights ceremony. What did the pockets on her jacket represent?  
What was special about turning 10?  
If you wanted to leave the community, where would you go?  
How did people get a spouse?

## **Chapter 7**

What was Jonas's number?  
At what age would your age no longer matter?  
Why did Asher get smacked a lot when he was three?  
Why did Jonas get so upset during the Ceremony of 12?  
What was Asher's assignment?  
What reason did Jonas think he was skipped?  
What was Jonas's reaction?

## **Chapter 8**

What was Jonas to be selected for?  
Who will train Jonas?  
What are the characteristics of being a Receiver of Memory?  
How did Jonas respond?  
When he looked out at the audience, what happened?  
How did the audience respond to Jonas left standing on the stage?  
Why was he filled with fear?

## **Chapter 9**

Why did things seem so tense for Jonas after the ceremony?  
What kind of job did Jonas get?  
What happened to the girl that was supposed to have been trained for the Receiver of Memory job?  
What was in Jonas's instruction folder?  
How much recreation time was he allowed?  
What was the final rule on his sheet of instructions?  
Was he allowed medication?  
What realization struck him?

## **Chapter 10**

What was different about the bikes after the Twelves Ceremony?  
Why was the Receiver of Memory's door locked?  
How was the furniture different in the office?  
Why was Jonas surprised to see all the books in the office?  
What memories did the Receiver want Jonas to have?  
What analogy did the Receiver compare his life to?  
What did Jonas have to do to get his first memory?  
What memory did the Receiver give to Jonas?

## **Chapter 11**

What did Jonas get to feel for the first time?

What was he sitting on?

What was he on top of?

What happens to the memory once the Giver gives it away to Jonas?

Why was there no longer snow in the community?

Why did the leaders go to “sameness”?

The second memory was warm and comforting. What was it?

What was the last memory given to Jonas in this chapter?

## **Chapter 12**

What dream did Jonas continue having?

Why did Jonas feel uncomfortable listening to all the twelves about their first day of training?

What weird things keep happening to Jonas?

What did the Giver tell Jonas he was experiencing?

Why did colors disappear in their society?

To help Jonas understand the concept of color, what did the Giver give to Jonas?

Does Fiona like her new job?

What red things has Jonas seen so far?

## **Chapter 13**

Why was the community without color?

Why couldn't the community have choices?

Jonas used the geraniums to try and show Jonas color. What color was it that he tried to show him?

What horrible memory did the Giver give to Jonas this time?

Why would it be difficult for Jonas to have a spouse?

What happened 10 years ago?

Why was it important that the Receiver keep all the memories?

Jonas told the Receiver to start giving him some painful memories. Why?

## **Chapter 14**

How was the second snow/sled experience different from the first?

Was he given any medication for the pain?

Every day, Jonas was given a memory of pain, but ended with a

Why does the Receiver have to hold all the painful, terrible memories?

Why didn't the elders decide to allow birthmothers to have four babies instead of three?

What was Gabriel's main problem?

What did they do when a birthmother had twins?

How did Jonas calm down Gabriel?

## **Chapter 15 & 16**

What was wrong with the Giver?

What was the memory?

What were some of the good memories given to Jonas in chapter 16?

What was the Giver's favorite memory that was given away?

What new feeling did Jonas get to experience?

Why did Jonas feel that love would be risky?

What happened when Gabriel was taken away from Jonas?

What did Jonas do at the end of Chapter 16?

## **Chapter 17**

What has happened to Jonas since he has stopped taking his pills?  
What did Jonas want to do on his unexpected holiday?  
When he found his friends, what were they playing?  
What happened with the war game?  
What would the father do the next day when the identical twins were born?  
How does the father describe the release?  
Who takes the baby when it is released, according to the father?  
What job did mother think would fit Lily?

## **Chapter 18**

What was the last Receiver's in-training name?  
What was the cause of her failure?  
Where did she go?  
What happened to the memories when Rosemary died?  
When Rosemary was released, what happened to the community?  
What did the Giver do to help the people?  
Why did the Giver keep telling Jonas to stay away from the river?  
How does Jonas deal with the memories?

## **Chapter 19**

Jonas decided that he wanted to watch a  
How was Jonas able to watch one?  
Where did Jonas's father stick the needle into the newborn twin?  
What does it mean to be released?  
Where did father place the baby?  
How was Rosemary released?  
What was Jonas's reaction to all of this?

## **Chapter 20**

When Jonas found out what "to be released" meant, he was very angry. What does it mean?  
Where did he spend the night?  
Who all in the community gets released?  
Jonas and the Giver concluded that the community needed to  
What was the plan?  
What time of day or night would this happen?  
What would the Giver tell the community happened to Jonas?  
Who is the Giver's daughter?

## **Chapter 21**

What decision was made about Gabriel?  
What crimes did Jonas commit when he left?  
What did they do the first day after breakfast?  
What time of day did Jonas and Gabe travel?  
Why couldn't the search planes see them?  
Why did Jonas make himself and Gabe cold as the search planes hunted for them?  
How did Jonas know that the community was starting to give up the search?

## **Chapter 22**

How did the landscape change?  
Now that the fear of searchers was gone, what did Jonas now fear?  
What had Gabe mistaken in the air?

There was a desperate fear building in Jonas. What was it?  
Did Jonas want to return to the community?  
What part of the body did Jonas hurt?  
Why were Jonas and Gabe crying?  
What other reason was Jonas crying?

### **Chapter 23**

How did Jonas try to warm up Gabe?  
Why was it so difficult to travel?  
Why did he suddenly become happy?  
What was waiting for him at the top of the hill?  
What was the first thing that Jonas saw in Elsewhere?  
What did he hear for the first time?  
How did he know this place would take care of Gabe and him?