

RIVER OAKS SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT

For students entering grade 7

This summer you will need to read *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. Then you will answer all questions in your study guide.

This assignment will be due on Friday, August 14, 2020, and it will be graded.

Enjoy your summer of reading!

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1. Describe the setting of the story. Include time and place.
2. What does it mean when the pilot is released?
3. How is the birth and care of children different from our world?
4. Describe feeling sharing in the family unit at night.
5. What is the ceremony of 12?
6. What is so unusual about Jonas' eye color? Who else has the same color?
7. What does the nondescript color of the tunics and apple tell you about the people and society in the book?
8. What seems to be the purpose of the volunteer hours?
9. What is the releasing room and the releasing ceremony?
10. Why does Jonas begin taking pills every morning?
11. What is the difference between loss and release?
12. What is the ceremony of 1, 8, 9, 10, and eleven?
13. How does Jonas feel when the Chief Elder skips his number?
14. What is Jonas' assignment? What is his job?
15. What qualities will he need for this job?

16. Why did Jonas feel different? Why is that a new feeling for him?
17. What will Jonas' position as Receiver of Memories involve?
18. Why is it so important to save the memories?
19. The Receiver has thousands of books. List the only 3 books allowed in all the other homes.
20. How are the Giver's burdens lessened when he works with Jonas?
21. Why did Jonas' world eliminate sunshine and hills?
22. What is Jonas seeing in Fiona's hair, the apple, and the sled?
23. What is Jonas' opinion of giving up colors?
24. What happens to adults with grown children?
25. Why does the Giver hold memories? Why is he needed?
26. Why did the Giver advise against more children?
27. Why does the Giver ask Jonas to forgive him?
28. Why does Jonas stop taking his daily pills?
29. Who is Rosemary? What happened to her? What happened to her memories?
30. What has Jonas learned about release? How does it make him feel?
31. Why does Jonas refuse to go home?

32. What is the escape plan?
33. Who was the Giver's daughter?
34. Why does Jonas need to change his escape plan?
35. What difficulties did Jonas face in his escape?
36. What happens to Jonas at the end of the book?
37. What was the author's purpose in writing this story? What was she trying to teach us?