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The Giver by Lois Lowry

Summer Reading for students entering Grade 9 at Upper Darby High School

Before Reading

Vocabulary to know:

Utopia	An ideal and perfect place, where everyone lives in harmony.
Dystopia	An imaginary place where everything is bad. Antonym for utopia.
Euphemism	A word or phrase that is neutral. An acceptable word to replace an unpleasant word or offensive idea.

Question 1. The Society in this book is a utopia. Describe your own idea of a utopian society. (3- 5 sentences)

Question 2. In your utopian society, which is more important: the rights of the individual or the good of the whole group? Explain your answer.

During Reading

Jonas' community uses euphemisms to hide reality. Find the following words. Tell what the word means in context on that page.

released	pg. 4	
feelings	pg. 5	
animals	pg. 5	
Nurturer	pg. 7	
stirrings	pg. 37	
Replacement child	pg. 44	
elsewhere	pg. 78	

Give examples of euphemisms we use today for the following terms:

Example: “got fired from a job” = got canned, was downsized, got a pink slip

“dying” = _____

“old person” = _____

For each character below tell the major problem they face and how they resolve it.

Character	Main Problem	Solution
Jonas		
The Giver		

Question 3. In Chapter 13 on page 99, Jonas says, “We really have to protect people from wrong choices.” Choose one of the following questions and write at least 3- 5 complete sentences siting evidence from the book.

1. Use the quote to explain Jonas’ community’s ideas about choices.
2. What happened to make Jonas say this? Explain how Jonas feels at this point.
3. What do you think about this idea? Use examples from the book to support your opinion.

After Reading

Complete the T- Chart using examples from the book.

Jonas’ Community

Best things about it	Worst things about it
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.

Question 4. How do you think the story ended? Re-read the last two pages and provide evidence to support your answer.