

8th Grade Summer Reading Project

The Book: The Giver by Lois Lowry

Book Summary: Jonas is a young man who lives in a perfect society. There is no pain, no crime, no unhappiness. But when he receives his job as The Receiver of Memories and he begins to spend time with The Giver he discovers many dark secrets about their world. As he learns about the terrible choices that make his world possible, he is faced with a decision that could change everything.

Finding the book:

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<https://tinyurl.com/y7vpyur7>
5. Check the book out of the library (or the online library): <https://www.freelibrary.org/>

Summer Assignment:

Read The Giver and complete the Reading Analysis Log as you read. Include page numbers, quotations, and good explanations when necessary. Check your spelling and grammar, too.

During the first two weeks of school, you will write a five paragraph essay examining an aspect of The Giver. The Reading Analysis Log is your “cheat sheet.” Without this assignment you are going to have an extremely difficult time writing the essay.

The Reading Analysis Log will be submitted online in the first week of school, so make sure you do this worksheet ONLINE.

Reading Analysis Log

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Student Name: _____

Directions: As you read The Giver answer each question below. Make sure to use full sentences with proper punctuation, spelling, and grammar. Write down page numbers that go with your answers from the book!

1. In three sentences connect the theme of this book to another text (book, show, song, etc) that you know. Explain how and why The Giver is similar.

Your answer here:

2. In three sentences connect something or someone from The Giver to something or someone in your own life. Explain how and why they are similar.

Your answer here:

3. Look at the world shown in The Giver, it seems so perfect but on the inside it is really scary, dangerous, and violent. In three sentences connect the world in The Giver to America.

Your answer here:

4. As you read, what three inferences, conclusions, or assumptions did you make about the events, characters, or setting that the author did not directly tell you? Make sure to explain why you made that assumption or conclusion/ For example, I can assume that Jonas doesn't talk a lot in class, because the book says he chooses his words carefully.

1. Your answer here:

2. Your answer here:

3. Your answer here:

5. Write a quote with page number that you felt showed the theme, the conflict, or important symbolism in The Giver? In three sentences explain why you chose that quote.

Your answer here:

6. Look up the word "Utopia" and the word "Dystopia" - which do you think is shown in The Giver? Why do you think that?

Your answer here: