

Chapter Questions **The Giver**

Chapter 1

1. What impression does the airplane ban give you about the kind of place Jonas lives in?
2. What do you think the word 'released' means? (Hint: Think about what the word means to us and how it could be made into a punishment)
3. What is the most important thing in Jonas community?
4. Why do you think they do not have animals?
5. Do you think you would enjoy the nightly ritual of sharing feelings? Why or why not? (Think about what might be good about it and what might not be good)
6. How would you feel living in a place where rules were so important? Why?
7. What members is each family made up of? Can this be changed?

Chapter 2

8. Jonas is at the same time eager and apprehensive of his 'twelve' ceremony. Tell about a time that you have had mixed feelings about something.
9. What job does Jonas father have? His mother?
10. How is the raising of babies different in their society than ours?
11. What do children get when they turn nine?
12. Which ceremony is most important? Why?
13. The children are given 'assignments' for their adult lives, what would we call these?
14. Would you like to have someone else choose your future? Why or why not? (Remember the choices made are based on observations of you)
15. What happens to children's 'comfort object' when they turn eight? What do you think of this? Why?

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Chapter 3

16. How does Jonas feel about having light coloured eyes? Why?
17. How many babies do birth mothers get to have?
18. What rule did Jonas break and how was it handled?

Chapter 4

19. Why didn't Jonas do his work with Asher very often?
20. Why can't Jonas talk to Ben about his good work? What rule would this break? Do you think this is a good rule to have? Why or why not?
21. How did Jonas know the old lady he passed was blind?
22. Do the people of the community know where people go when they are 'released'? Do you still think released means the same thing you did at the beginning of the book? Tell why or why not.

Chapter 5

23. What do families do in the morning? Would you like this? Why or why not?
24. What purpose does the morning discussion serve? (Hint: Think of Lily's comment)
25. What do the stirrings refer to?
26. Why do children have to take pills to make them stop?