

**Warm Up:** Answer in your notebook.

Write in complete sentences. Don't forget your topic sentence!

What would it take to make your world perfect?

What would you be willing to give up to have your world perfect?

**Novels & study questions will be given out while you complete the warm up. I will record the number on your book. You must return this book at the end of the unit or pay \$ 7.**

# ANTICIPATION GUIDE FOR *THE GIVER* BY LOIS LOWRY

Students will stand up by their desks if they agree with each statement. Think carefully.

1. An ideal community would not have any hunger or starvation.
2. An ideal community would not have any jealousy or competition.
3. An ideal community would not have any unemployment.
4. All children should have equal possessions and privileges at a certain age, regardless of the status of their families.
5. Families are much closer when they share their feelings.

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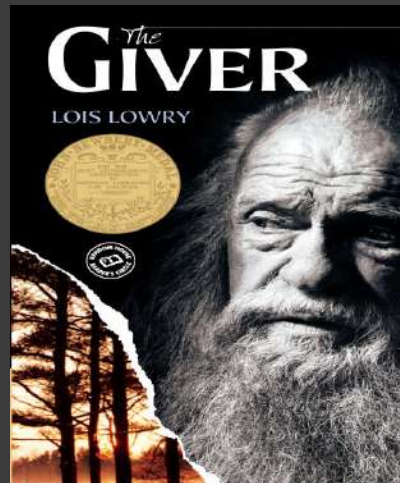
# CON'T ANTICIPATION GUIDE

6. Life would be better and easier if we did not carry bad memories in our heads.
7. Overpopulation is such a problem that families should not be allowed to have more than two children.
8. There is no real need to learn about world history.
9. There is no real need to learn about one's own family history.
10. One's job or occupation in life should be a careful match to one's interests, talents, and skills.

# STUDY THE BOOK COVER

NOTE: DO NOT ANSWER IF YOU HAVE ALREADY READ THE BOOK.

- What do you think the title, *The Giver*, means?
- Look at the picture on the front cover:
  - Describe the man.
  - What does the expression on his face indicate?
  - What do you think the torn photo means?



L o i s L o w r y

# THE GIVER

- Biography
- About Her Writing
- Book Reviews



# BIOGRAPHY

## LOIS LOWRY

**Birthplace:** Hawaii

**Birth Date:** March 20, 1937

**Parents:** Robert & Katherine  
Hammersburg

**Education:** Brown University,  
University of Southern Maine



*\* Her father was in the Army so her family moved around a lot. Lois has lived all around the world.*

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## BIOGRAPHY

She married after her sophomore year at Brown and had four children. They settled in Maine where she finished her degree at USM. She is currently divorced living in West Cambridge with her dog, Bandit.

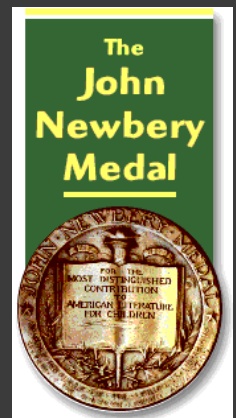


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# ABOUT HER WRITING

*“She fulfilled a childhood dream when she began writing in the mid-1970’s”*

- She’s an author of over 20 books for young adults including those in the popular Anastasia Krupnik series.
- Twice the winner of the Newbery Medal





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# ABOUT HER WRITING

*“She fulfilled a childhood dream when she began writing in the mid-1970’s”*

- Winner of the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award.
- Winner of the Boston Globe – Horn Book Award.
- Winner of the California Young Reader’s Medal.
- Winner of the Mark Twain Award.
- Over 5 million copies of *The Giver* sold
- *The Giver* has been translated into 29 languages.



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# About Her Writing

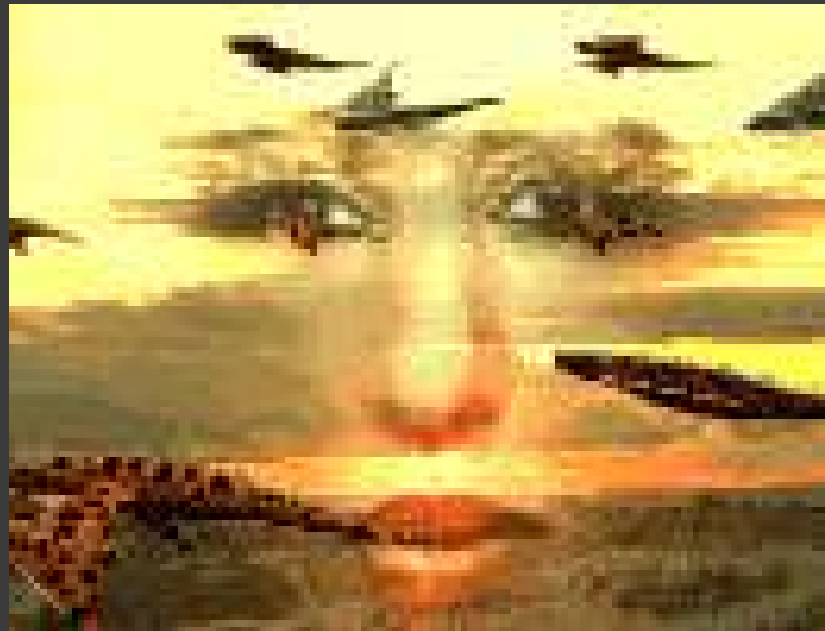
She has tackled a number of topics in her literature including adoption, mental illness, cancer, the Holocaust and futuristic societies. Whatever the theme, Lowry portrays realistic life experiences to her audience.

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# About Her Writing

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In her books,  
Lois Lowry  
throws her  
characters and  
readers into  
many thought-  
provoking  
situations.

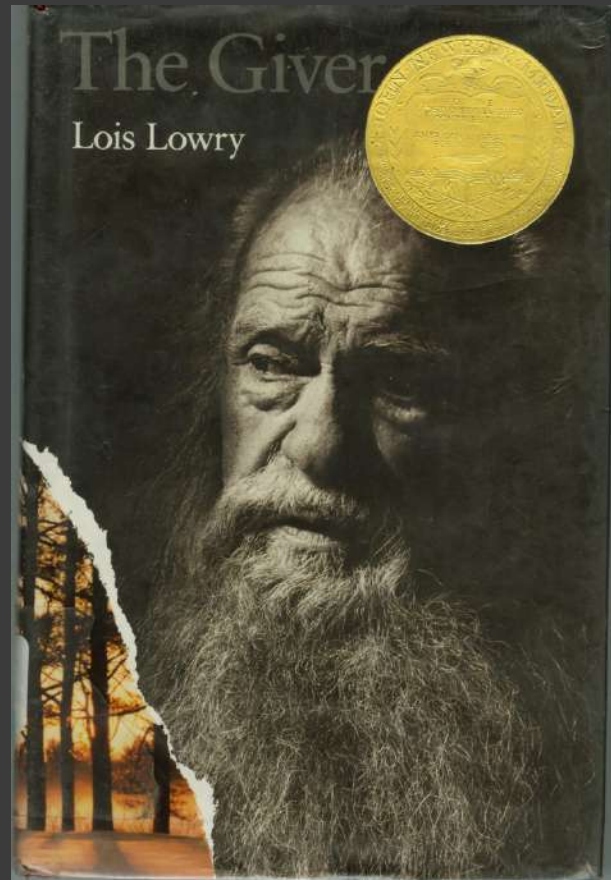


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# BOOK REVIEWS

- *“Lowry is once again in top form – raising many questions while answering few, and unwinding a tale fit for the most adventurous readers.”*

Publishers Weekly  
February 15, 1993

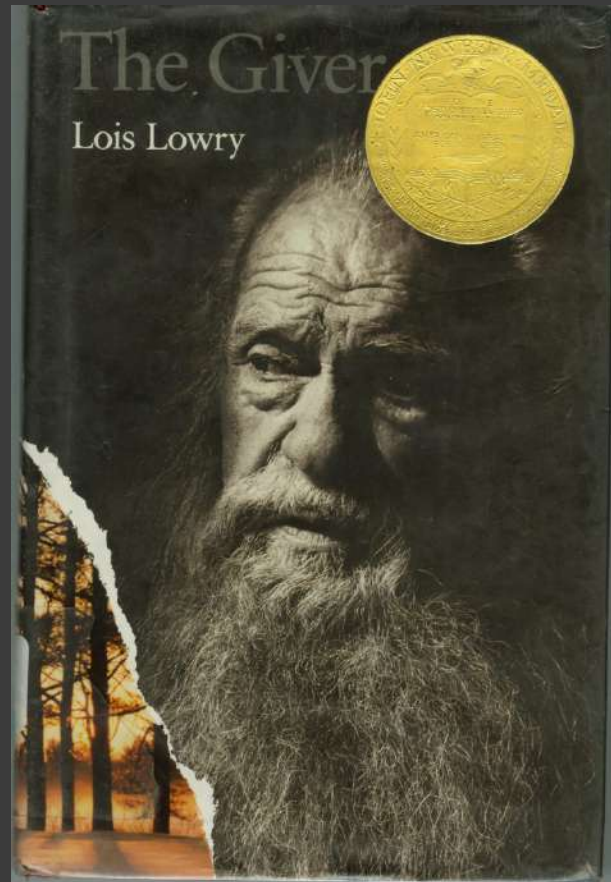


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**Book Reviews**

- *“...The Giver, a powerful and provocative novel, is sure to keep older children reading and thinking!”*

Karen Ray of the  
New York Times

October 26, 1993



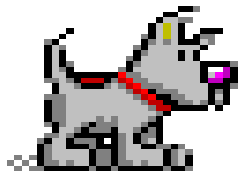
# BONUS QUESTION?

**What was  
Lois Lowry's  
Dog's name?**



# BONUS ANSWER!

**Bandit!**



# LOIS LOWRY



*Once readers make contact with Lowry's treasure, they may never see things exactly quite the same.*



# WHAT IS A UTOPIA?

Utopia is a perfect place where people can lead perfect lives. *The Giver* takes place in such an ideal community.

**HERE ARE OTHER UTOPIAS  
THAT PEOPLE HAVE DESCRIBED  
OR WRITTEN ABOUT THROUGH  
THE AGES.**

- **The Golden Age**
- **The Garden of Eden**
- **Atlantis**

# UTOPIA IS A GREEK TERM

⑩ The word *utopia* was derived from the Greek *ou topos*, which means “no place.”

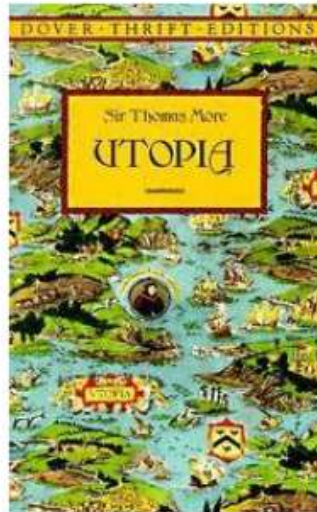
⑩ Some synonyms for utopia are paradise, arcadia, and Zion.



# Utopia and Dystopia

# Utopia

- Two Greek words: “oi” (not) and “topos” (place) = “nowhere”
- The word was created by Thomas More in 1516 when he wrote a book by that title



# Utopian concepts

- A beautiful society with a general pacifistic attitude = no violence
- Poverty and misery are removed
- Very few laws are necessary
- Money is not necessary
- People do only work that they enjoy and which benefits the common good

# Related Ideas: Religion

- The Judeo-Christian concept of the Garden of Eden and Heaven
- The Buddhist concept of Nirvana



# Dystopia

- The antonym (word that means the opposite) of utopia
- An imaginary place where people lead dehumanized and often fearful lives (a worst-case scenario for society)





# Dytstopian Concepts

- Totalitarian dictatorship
- Glorification and justification of violence
- Technology replaces humanity
- Negative social trends are taken to nightmarish extremes

# Characteristics of Dystopian Literature

- Fictional and futuristic
- Dystopias serve as warnings to contemporary man
- Comment on our own current society

THINK WHILE YOU READ.

Is the society in *The Giver* a utopia or a dystopia?

## WATCH OUT **TONE & MOOD** ARE SIMILAR.

- **Tone** is the author's attitude toward the writing (his characters, the situation) and the readers. A work of writing can have more than one tone. An example of tone could be both serious and humorous. Tone is set by the setting, choice of vocabulary and other details.
- **Mood** is the general atmosphere created by the author's words. It is the feeling the reader gets from reading those words. It may be the same, or it may change from situation to situation.

# WORDS THAT DESCRIBE MOOD

- Fanciful
  - Melancholy
  - Frightening
  - Mysterious
  - Frustrating
  - Romantic
- Sentimental
  - Happy
  - Sorrowful
  - Joyful
  - Suspenseful
  - Gloomy

# Describe the MOOD



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# Tone



- Tone - the manner in which written words might be said. For example: sarcastic, hateful, witty, angry
- Tone is different from mood in that a story typically has one mood; whereas, *tone can change a lot* throughout a story.

# **Words That Describe Tone**

- Amused
- Humorous
- Pessimistic
- Angry
- Informal
- Playful
- Cheerful
- Ironic
- Witty
- Horrifying
- Light
- Sad
- Matter-of-fact
- Serious
- Formal
- Suspicious
- Gloomy
- Optimistic

# Examples of Tone

- **Envious:** *She glanced at me quickly and muttered reluctantly, "Um, yeah . . . nice outfit."*
- **Insulting:** *She looked at me incredulously and said, "Eww! Nice outfit!"*

# Examples of Tone

- **Sincere:** *She rose from her chair when I came in and exclaimed with a smile: "Wow! Nice outfit!"*
- **Sarcastic:** *She gave me one look and said, with a short laugh, "Yeah, right! Nice outfit!"*

LET'S READ THE FIRST NINE PARAGRAPHS OF CHAPTER ONE OF *THE GIVER*. PAY ATTENTION TO THE AUTHOR'S TONE AND THE MOOD OF THE WRITING.

- *After reading:*
- What is the hook the author uses to get your interest?
- What is the author's tone?
- How does the story make you feel? (mood)
  
- **Homework: Read chapters 1 & 2. Answer study questions for these chapters in your notebook.**