

The Giver

Incoming 10th grade summer assignment

Mrs. Seymour

Due Friday, September 9th, 2022

Your Tasks:

1. Read the novel *The Giver*
2. Complete 8 entries of a dialectical journal. The details and expectations of the journal are on the document linked below. Read the directions and details carefully and email me with any questions!

[The Giver - Dialectical Journal](#)

3. Complete the ten (10) questions below about the book. In September, you will turn in the 8 dialectical journal entries as well as these 10 questions. You can put everything in one document or two.

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***The Giver* - short response questions**

→ **Answer all parts to each question with detailed responses and proper grammar.**

1. We are doing more and more in schools regarding social-emotional learning and wellness, sharing emotions and feelings, etc.

A) How is this concept shown in *The Giver*?

B) How do they teach the children in the community to work through their emotions?

C) Do you think it would be helpful if we did this in our daily lives with those close to us? Why or why not?

2. What is the purpose of the pills that the community members take? If you could take a pill once per day for any reason, to change something about yourself, what would it be?

3. Utopia vs Dystopia: As this story starts out, it appears to be a utopian society, but later on we see how dystopian it truly is.

A) Define utopia vs dystopia and explain how each are seen in this novel.

B) Why is there no such thing as a utopia on earth? What would a utopia require?

C) What would be an ideal utopian society for you? Give details.

4. Create a list of 5 attributes/character traits that Jonas possesses. Put traits that appear at different points in the story, with explanations of how each trait is seen.

- Jonas's character traits/attributes:

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5. What seems **odd** about the details/rules/aspects of the community in the book? What seems **desirable** about the way things are done?

6. In Chapter 13, Jonas says, "We really have to protect people from wrong choices."

A) What does this mean? What are your thoughts on this quote?

B) Do you believe it would be better if life was ordinary, predictable, and painless?

7. What values does this book's society embrace and celebrate? What are your thoughts on those values?

8. What was your reaction to finding out the details about the "release" ceremonies?

9. How does the mood of the story change as the story progresses?

10. What were your thoughts on the ending of the book? Did you expect it? Were you happy with the ending?