

Summer Reading Questions for  
*The Giver* by Lois Lowry

After reading the book, answer each of the questions below in a paragraph of one page or less, citing specific evidence taken from the book. Please state the page upon which the information being cited is found by using a parenthetical end note. (p.?) **Please write out on lined notebook paper with blue or black ink, using your best penmanship.**

1. List the ways in which Jonas' community appears to be a utopia and explain why the things on your list contribute to perfection. (A utopia is "any idealized place of perfection" with a perfect society and a perfect government; in a nutshell, it is a "perfect world".)
2. What are some of the euphemisms used in Jonas's society? What are some of the euphemisms used in present-day society? Analyze the advantages and disadvantages of using euphemisms. (Euphemisms are using indirect, less abrupt expressions to replace more "offensive" ones. For example, a garbage collector might be called a "sanitary engineer." That is a euphemism.)
3. What does Jonas take with him on his journey at the end of the book, and why does he take it with him?
4. Later during the 8th grade year of ELA 8, we will be examining the Holocaust in Europe. In advance of that, please find out what you can about Nazi Germany. How can Jonas' community be compared to Nazi Germany under Hitler?
5. The book shows us that some of the characters struggled with feelings of isolation, guilt, fear and trauma. To what extent can you relate to the any of these character's feelings? Describe these feelings and whether or not you agree with the way the character reacted.