



## Grade 8 ELA Unit 6: The Giver



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<b>Unit Title:</b>	<u>The Giver</u>	
<b>Grade Level/Course:</b>	8th Grade ELA	<b>Time Frame:</b> 4 to 6 Weeks
<b>Big Idea (<i>Enduring Understanding</i>):</b> Societal structure has the power to promote or limit freedom, choice, and desire.		
<b>Essential Questions:</b>  1. How can societal rules help or hurt us? 2. How can society balance individualism with responsibility to community? 3. Think of our current society – what aspects of utopias and dystopias do we have? 4. When should one conform to the wishes or rules of others? 5. How do personal choices impact a society?		
<b>Instructional Activities: Activities/Tasks</b>		
<b>21st Century Skills:</b>	<b>Learning and Innovation:</b> <i>Critical Thinking &amp; Problem Solving</i> <i>Communication &amp; Collaboration</i> <i>Creativity &amp; Innovation</i>  <b>Information, Media and Technology:</b> <i>Information Literacy</i> <i>Media Literacy</i> <i>Information, Communications &amp; Technology Literacy</i>	



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<b>Essential Academic Language:</b>	<b>Tier II:</b> inconveniencing, apprehensive, prominent, remorse, nondescript, intricate, interdependence, relinquish, acquisition, exempted, skeptically, phenomenon, assimilated, pervaded, obsolete, release, precise, respond, concept, available, dystopia, utopia, conformity, isolation, individuality, ignorance	<b>Tier III:</b> Theme, character, plot, setting, symbolism, clauses,
<b>What pre-assessment will be given?</b> An anticipation guide will be administered to gauge student opinions on what will be major themes of the story. In addition, a short assessment requiring students to identify and write theme statements will be given.		<b>How will pre-assessment guide instruction?</b> Theme has been taught extensively by 8th grade; however, checking for understanding is necessary to determine if the concept needs to be re-taught.
<b>Summative Assessment:</b> Four summative assessments are available for students: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Culture Project</b> - This project demonstrates how societal structure influences the culture in <i>The Giver</i>. An additional culture is researched in order to compare and contrast the two communities, as well as the culture in Santa Ana. This project will show evidence of research and analysis of three different cultures.</li><li>2. <b>Color Project</b> - This cross curricular project analyzes color and how the lack of it in <i>The Giver</i> promotes or limits one of the following: freedom, choice or desire. A pictorial recreation of one scene in color or black and white and a written reflection justifies how the scene is important to the movement of the story. Research about how the human eye perceives color is evident in a writing piece.</li><li>3. <b>Island Project</b> - A new Community is created on an island up river from “the community.” New community rules created by a group demonstrate understanding of how societal structure has power. Justifications for rule changes are stated in writing.</li><li>4. <b>Create Your Personal Utopia</b> - Utopian communities are created with the goal of convincing others to join. Information regarding government, education, family, and recreation, to name a few, are persuasively presented verbally and in writing.</li></ol>		



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Standards	Assessment of Standards (include formative and summative)	
<p><b>Common Core Learning Standards Taught and Assessed (include one or more standards for one or more of the areas below. Please write out the complete text for the standard(s) you include.)</b></p>	<p><b>What assessment(s) will be utilized for this unit? (Include the types of both formative assessments (F) that will be used throughout the unit to inform your instruction and the summative assessments (S) that will demonstrate student mastery of the standards.)</b></p>	<p><b>What does the assessment tell us?</b></p>

<p><b>Bundled Reading Literature Standard(s):</b></p> <p>RL.8.1. Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text</p> <p>RL 8.2 Determine a theme or central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text, including the relationship to the characters, setting, and plot; provide an objective summary of the text.</p> <p>RL.8.3 Analyze lines of dialogue or incidents</p> <p>RL8.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including the figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.</p>	<p><u>Lesson 1:</u> Theme Pre-Assessment (F)</p> <p><u>Lesson 2-5:</u> Google Slide Chapter Summaries (F)</p> <p><u>Lessons 2-5:</u> Community Life Schedule (F)</p>	<p>The Theme pre-assessment lets the teacher know to what extent they need to review the different elements of theme. This shows student comprehension of significant events in each chapter of the novel</p> <p>Students will be able to identify the major life events of characters in the</p>
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RL 8.5 7. Analyze the extent to which a filmed or live production of a story or drama stays faithful to or departs from the text or script, evaluating the choices made by the director or actors.	<p><u>Lessons 2-5:</u> Canvas Discussion Board (F)</p> <p><u>Lesson 5:</u> Virtual Gallery Walk Presentation Slide(F)</p>	<p>novel and contrast their experience with that of our own.</p> <p>Text Dependent questions will show the teacher the depth of analysis students are able to make on their own and then how it goes deeper through collaboration.</p> <p>Students will analyze a movie clip and evaluate whether or not the message or theme of the clip is the same as the novel. Students will state a claim and support their claim with textual evidence from the novel and the clip's transcript.</p>
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<p><b>Bundled Reading Informational Text Standard(s):</b></p> <p>RI.8.1 Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.</p> <p>RI.8.2 Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text including its relationship to support ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.</p> <p>RI.8.3 Analyze how a text makes connections</p> <p>RI.8.4. Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including figurative, connotative, and technical meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.</p> <p>RI.8.6. Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints.</p>	<p><u>Lesson 1:</u> Cornell Notes on Utopias vs. Dystopias (F)</p> <p><u>Lesson 3:</u> Non-Fiction Reading Activity for <u>The Giver</u>: “Are Utopias Possible?” (F)</p> <p><u>Lesson 5:</u> Socratic Seminar Preparation (F)</p>	<p>The Cornell notes show the degree to which the student was able to identify the differences between these concepts. This activity has students summarize, compare/contrast, draw conclusions, and synthesize to form opinions.</p> <p>Students will analyze how Lois Lowry, in her speech and the novel expresses her views on societal structure and power, the balance of individualism and responsibility to community, free choice, and societal rules.</p>
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<p><b>Bundled Writing Standard(s):</b></p> <p>W.8.1. Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Introduce claim(s), acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.</li><li>b. Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.</li><li>d. Establish and maintain a formal style.</li><li>e. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.</li></ul> <p>W.8.2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Introduce a topic or thesis statement; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.</li><li>b. Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.</li><li>c. Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.</li><li>d. Use precise language and domain specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.</li><li>e. Establish and maintain a formal style.</li><li>f. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.</li></ul>	<p><u>Lesson 2:</u> Compare/Contrast paragraph Comparing the article "Picked Baby's Name? Not so fast in Denmark" and <u>The Giver</u>.(S)</p> <p><u>Lesson 2:</u> Dialectical Journals (F)</p> <p><u>Lesson 3:</u> Extended Response for "Freedom of Choice activity" (S)</p> <p><u>Lesson 3:</u> Extended Response for "Let Teen-Agers Try Adulthood!"(S)</p> <p><u>Lesson 5:</u> Argumentative Literary Analysis of the author's message (S)</p>	<p>This paragraph will show the students ability to synthesize information between the two texts give evidence to show their similarities and differences.</p> <p>These journals will enable the teachers to see how well students are able to cite quotations from the text and interpret their meaning and significance.</p> <p>This argumentative essay will show how well students are able to state a claim and support their claim with reasons and evidence.</p> <p>This assessment will show the full extent of the student's ability state a claim, cite evidence, support claims, and establish a formal</p>
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<p>W.8.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization, and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.</p> <p>W.8.5. With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.</p> <p>W.8.7. Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.</p> <p>W.8.8. Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources, using search terms effectively; assess the credibility and accuracy of each source; and quote or paraphrase the data and conclusions of others while avoiding plagiarism and following a standard format for citation.</p> <p>W.8.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research.</p> <p>a. Apply <i>grade 8 Reading standards</i> to literature (e.g., “Analyze how a modern work of fiction draws on themes, patterns of events, or character types from myths, traditional stories, or religious works such as the Bible, including describing how the material is rendered new”).</p> <p>b. Apply <i>grade 8 Reading standards</i> to literary nonfiction (e.g., “Delineate and evaluate the argument and specific claims in a text, assessing whether the reasoning is sound and the evidence is relevant and sufficient; recognize when irrelevant evidence is introduced”).</p>	<p><u>Lesson 6: Performance Task (Culture Project, Color Project, Island Project, or <u>The Giver</u> Utopian Community Project) (S)</u></p>	<p>style.</p> <p>This project will have students research informational texts and the novel compare and contrast the various societies encountered and synthesize their understanding to create their own conception of the ideal society.</p>
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<p><b>Bundled Speaking and Listening Standard(s):</b></p> <p>SL.8.1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.</p> <p>a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.</p> <p>b. Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.</p> <p>c. Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.</p> <p>d. Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.</p> <p>2. Analyze the purpose of information presented in diverse media and formats (e.g., visually, quantitatively, orally) and evaluate the motives (e.g., social, commercial, political) behind its presentation.</p> <p>3. Delineate a speaker's argument and specific claims, evaluating the soundness of the reasoning and relevance and sufficiency of the evidence and identifying when irrelevant evidence is introduced.</p> <p>4. Present claims and findings (e.g., argument, narrative, response to literature presentations), emphasizing salient points in a focused, coherent manner with relevant evidence, sound valid reasoning, and well-chosen details; use appropriate eye contact, adequate volume, and clear pronunciation. CA</p>	<p><u>Lessons 2-5: Canvas Discussion Board (F)</u></p> <p><u>Lesson 5: Debate (F)</u></p> <p><u>Lesson 4: Philosophical Chairs (S)</u></p>	<p>Text Dependent questions will show the teacher the depth of analysis students are able to make on their own and then how it goes deeper through collaboration.</p> <p>Students will state a claim and try to overcome the objections of their opponents while the judges will explain who had the best arguments and why.</p> <p>This activity requires students to take a position on a topic and provide evidence for their claim. It also, however, allows students to change their positions based upon evidence that is presented by students that have taken an opposing position.</p>
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	<u>Lesson 5: Socratic Seminar (S)</u>	Students will engage in a whole class collaborative conversation using the essential questions from the unit as their shared inquiry questions.
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<b>Bundled Language Standard(s):</b> <b>L.8.1.</b> 1. Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking. a. Explain the function of verbals (gerunds, participles, infinitives) in general and their function in particular sentences. b. Form and use verbs in the active and passive voice. c. Form and use verbs in the indicative, imperative, interrogative, conditional, and subjunctive mood. d. Recognize and correct inappropriate shifts in verb voice and mood.*  4. Determine or clarify the meaning of unknown and multiple-meaning words or phrases based on <i>grade 8 reading and content</i> , choosing flexibly from a range of strategies.	<u>Lessons 2-5: Vocabulary Notebook (F)</u>  <u>Lesson 6: Independent and Dependent Clause Quiz (F)</u>	The notebook will help students learn new and unfamiliar words and this activity is a formative assessment of how well students are able to make the connection between the word and the definition.  Students will take a quiz that tests their ability to use independent and dependent clauses
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<p>a. Use context (e.g., the overall meaning of a sentence or paragraph; a word's position or function in a sentence) as a clue to the meaning of a word or phrase.</p> <p>b. Use common, grade-appropriate Greek or Latin affixes and roots as clues to the meaning of a word (e.g., <i>precede</i>, <i>recede</i>, and <i>secede</i>).</p> <p>c. Consult general and specialized reference materials (e.g., dictionaries, glossaries, thesauruses), both print and digital, to find the pronunciation of a word or determine or clarify its precise meaning or its part of speech.</p> <p>d. Verify the preliminary determination of the meaning of a word or phrase (e.g., by checking the inferred meaning in context or in a dictionary).</p>		correctly and effectively.
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<b>Resources/Materials:</b>	<p><b><u>Complex Texts to be used</u></b></p> <p><b>Informational Text(s) Titles:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Lesson 1: "<a href="#">Utopia vs. Dystopia</a>"</li><li>● <b>Lesson Two-</b>"<a href="#">Picked baby's name? Not so fast in Denmark</a>" by Lizette Alvarez <i>New York Times</i> Published: Saturday October 9,2004</li><li>● <b>Lesson Three-</b>"<a href="#">Let Teen-Agers Try Adulthood</a>" by Leon Botstein published: May 17,1999, "<a href="#">Why Utopias Fail</a>," "<a href="#">The Amish Lifestyle</a>," "<a href="#">4 Utopian Communities that Didn't Pan Out</a>," "<a href="#">Want to Escape the Modern World? 9 'Utopia' that Really Exist</a>," "<a href="#">Austin's Utopian Homeless Village is Becoming a Reality</a>"</li><li>● <b>Lesson 5-</b> Film clip- <a href="#">Rosemary's Release</a></li></ul>
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**Literature Titles:** *The Giver* Novel Classroom Set, [The Giver chapter summaries](#), Last Page of Ch. 20

**Primary Sources:** [Newbery Acceptance Speech](#), [Lois Lowry Newbery Acceptance Speech Part 1](#)(Video read by SAUSD District Teacher), [Lois Lowry Newbery Acceptance Speech Part 2](#) (Video read by SAUSD District Teacher)

- **Media/Technology:** [The Giver Movie Clip](#), Audio readings of each chapter of *The Giver* ([The Giver Chapter 1](#) [The Giver Chapter 2](#) [The Giver Chapter 3](#) [The Giver Chapter 4](#) [The Giver Chapter 5](#) [The Giver Chapter 6](#) [The Giver Chapter 7](#) [The Giver Chapter 8](#) [The Giver Chapter 9](#) [The Giver Chapter 10](#) [The Giver Chapter 11](#) [The Giver Chapter 12](#) [The Giver Chapter 13](#) [The Giver Chapter 14](#) [The Giver Chapter 15](#) [The Giver Chapter 16](#) [The Giver Chapter 17](#) [The Giver Chapter 18](#) [The Giver Chapter 19](#) [The Giver Chapter 20](#) [The Giver Chapter 21](#) [The Giver Chapter 22](#) [The Giver Chapter 23](#)), [Newbery Acceptance Speech Part 1](#), [Newbery Acceptance Speech Part 2](#), [Virginia Commune video](#), [Twin Oaks Commune Website](#), [The Acorn Community of Virginia](#), [Victory City Theme Pre-Assessment](#)
- **All Lessons:** Google Slide Presentations, [Canvas Discussion Board](#)
- **Lesson One:** [Virginia Commune video](#), [Twin Oaks Commune Website](#), [The Acorn Community of Virginia](#), <http://www.thefarm.org/>, [Victory City Theme Pre-Assessment](#)
- **Lesson Two:** YouTube
- **Lesson Five:** [The Giver Movie Clip](#)

### Other Materials:

- **Lesson One:** [Theme Pre-Assessment](#), [Anticipation Guide](#), [Gallery Walk](#)



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Pictures, Gallery Walk Chart, Cornell Notes

- **Lesson two:** Vocabulary Notebook, Dialectical Journal, Community Life Schedule, Text Dependent Questions, Double-Bubble, Compare and Contrast Paragraph Frame
- **Lesson Three:** Vocabulary Notebook, Job Application, Dialectical Journal, Google Slide Summary Worksheet, Freedom of Choice Activity, The Giver Job Assignments, The Giver Job Assignment Activity, Non-Fiction Reading Activity for The Giver: Are Utopias Possible?
- **Lesson Four:** Vocabulary Notebook, Dialectical Journal, Google Slide Summary Worksheet, Philosophical Chairs Directions, Canvas Discussion Board, Connotation Chart
- **Lesson Five:** Vocabulary Notebook, Dialectical Journal, Google Slide Summary Worksheet, Post Reading Survey, Transcript for The Giver Movie Clip, Virtual Gallery Walk Presentation Slide, Last page of Ch. 20, Conceptual Analysis within The Giver by Character, Socratic Seminar Preparation, Socratic Seminar Guidelines, Socratic Seminar Observation Form, S.O.A.P.S.Tone Analysis, Argumentative Essay Structure, Argumentative Essay Frame, Argumentative Essay Frame (Web-Enabled), Cohesive Devices, Discourse Features for Embedding Quotation/Evidence, Parenthetical Citation, Argumentative Essay Writing Reflection, Argumentative Rubric
- **Lesson Six:** Cornell Notes on Clauses, Culture Project, Color Project, Island



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	<a href="#"><u>Project, The Giver Utopian Community Project</u></a>

<b>Interdisciplinary Connections:</b>	<b>Cite several interdisciplinary or cross-content connections made in this unit of study (i.e. math, social studies, art, etc.)</b> Social Studies- Government as utopia
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<b>Differentiated Instruction:</b>	<b>Based on desired student outcomes, what instructional variation will be used to address the needs of English Learners by language proficiency level?</b> Each lesson has recommended scaffolds to be used in the preparing the learner phase of the lesson to help students access the complex text. Multiple formative assessments are given throughout all lessons to monitor student progress and multiple media types are provided, so students can read as they follow the audio of text.	<b>Based on desired student outcomes, what instructional variation will be used to address the needs of students with special needs, including gifted and talented?</b>  <b>Special Needs:</b> Read the EL scaffolding to the left.  <b>GATE:</b> There are recommended enrichment activities in each lesson that will help GATE students to go deeper and discuss in a more complex manner the same concepts that all other students are engaging in.
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**Teacher:**

<b>Unit:</b> <i>The Giver</i> <b>Lesson #:</b> 1	<b>Grade Level/Course:</b> 8th/ELA	<b>Duration:</b> 3 - 4 days <b>Date:</b>
<b>Big Idea:</b> Societal structure has the power to promote or limit freedom, choice, and desire.		
<b>Essential Questions:</b>		
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How can societal rules help or hurt us?</li> <li>2. How can a society balance individualism with responsibility to community?</li> <li>3. Think of our current society – what aspects of utopias and dystopias do we have?</li> <li>4. When should one conform to the wishes or rules of others?</li> <li>5. How do personal choices impact a society?</li> </ol>
<b>Common Core and Content Standards</b>	<b>Content Standards:</b> RI.8.2 Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text including its relationship to support ideas; provide an objective summary of the text. W.8.8. Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources W.8.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research SL.8.1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or researched materials under study; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under reflection.</li> <li>b. Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.</li> <li>c. Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.</li> </ol> SL.8.2 Analyze information from media RI.8.1 Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.	
<b>Materials/ Resources/ Lesson Preparation</b>	Anticipation Guide Theme Pre-Assessment Utopia/ Dystopia Article Virginia Commune video Utopia Websites Cornell Notes	

<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Content:</b> Students will reflect on their beliefs about a series of statements by justifying their opinions.	<b>Language:</b> Students will write complete sentences of the key ideas by completing the summary of the Cornell Notes.
	Students will analyze pictures in a Gallery Walk by completing a “I Know, I Notice, I Want to Know” chart.	
	Students will understand the identifying traits of utopias and dystopias by creating Cornell Notes.	
<b>Depth of Knowledge Level</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Level 1: Recall</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Level 2: Skill/Concept</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Level 3: Strategic Thinking</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Level 4: Extended Thinking</b>	
<b>College and Career Ready Skills</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Demonstrating independence knowledge <input type="checkbox"/> Responding to varying demands of audience, task, purpose, and discipline critiquing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Using technology and digital media strategically and capably <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coming to understand other perspectives and cultures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building strong content <input type="checkbox"/> Valuing evidence <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehending as well as
<b>Common Core Instructional Shifts</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building knowledge through content-rich nonfiction texts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reading and writing grounded from text <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular practice with complex text and its academic vocabulary	
<b>TEACHER PROVIDES SIMPLE EXPLANATION</b>	<b>KEY WORDS ESSENTIAL TO UNDERSTANDING</b>	<b>WORDS WORTH KNOWING</b>
	Theme Utopia Dystopia Conformity Isolation Individuality Ignorance	ignorant individualism
<b>STUDENTS FIGURE OUT THE MEANING</b>		commune

<b>Pre-teaching Considerations</b>	<p>The Theme Pre-Assessment is given as a Kahoot! quiz. You will need to set up a free account with Kahoot if you do not have one already. If you have not used Kahoot before, you will also want to familiarize yourself with how it works. The questions to the quiz have been included as a resource if you would prefer to not use Kahoot.</p> <p>This lesson includes a Gallery Walk. Depending on your spatial resources and access to a color printer, you can 1) attach the pictures to a wall, 2) place around the room on tables, 3) have 10 students load a different picture on their Chromebooks and place them around the room, or 4) project the pictures on your board/screen and have all students will view each picture together.</p> <p>This lesson includes the use of Cornell Notes, however, if students have not been explicitly taught this method, teachers can use another note-taking method that includes a summary to conclude the task.</p> <p>Students will need access to the internet to view the video and the websites for the Extending Understanding section.</p>
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<b>Instructional Methods</b>	<p><b>Check method(s) used in the lesson:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Modeling   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guided Practice   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent Practice  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guided Inquiry   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reflection</p>
<b><u>Lesson Overview</u></b>	<p><b>Preparing the Learner</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Anticipation Guide</li> <li>2. Theme Quiz</li> </ol> <p><b>Interacting with the Text</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Gallery Walk with “What I Know/ What I Notice/ What I Want to Know”</li> <li>4. Utopia/ Dystopia article with Cornell Notes</li> </ol> <p><b>Extending Understanding</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Virginia Commune video &amp; commune sites</li> </ol>

<p><b>Preparing the Learner</b></p> <p><b>Anticipation Guide</b></p> <p>Have students complete the anticipation guide -- students will decide whether they strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with a series of statements.</p> <p><b>Theme Pre-Assessment Quiz</b></p> <p><b>Step One-</b> Log into Kahoot to get your Game PIN.  <a href="https://play.kahoot.it/#/k/1845970a-8c83-4cda-8ff7-a7982e38c49b">https://play.kahoot.it/#/k/1845970a-8c83-4cda-8ff7-a7982e38c49b</a>          (Search under All for “Theme” and select “Theme It!” by Reazorsharpe)</p> <p><b>Step Two-</b> Post the Game PIN where students can see it or share it with them using Google Docs.</p> <p><b>Step Three-</b> Have students log into Kahoot and take the quiz. (Individually or in groups per teacher preference)</p> <p>If students do poorly on the Theme Pre-Assessment, teachers should teach a mini-lesson on theme and theme statements.</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Anticipation Guide</b></p> <p>Great books often allow us to take a closer look at what we believe. Before we start reading <i>The Giver</i>, take a few minutes to assess your opinions on the following statements. Please circle whether you strongly disagree, disagree, agree, or strongly agree with each statement. Give a brief justification for your opinion.</p> <p>1. Sometimes it is okay to lie.  <input type="radio"/> (strongly disagree)    <input type="radio"/> (disagree)    <input type="radio"/> (agree)    <input type="radio"/> (strongly agree)          _____</p> <p>2. Memories play an important part of your life and who you are.  <input type="radio"/> (strongly disagree)    <input type="radio"/> (disagree)    <input type="radio"/> (agree)    <input type="radio"/> (strongly agree)          _____</p> <p>3. It is better to remain ignorant about some aspects of life.  <input type="radio"/> (strongly disagree)    <input type="radio"/> (disagree)    <input type="radio"/> (agree)    <input type="radio"/> (strongly agree)          _____</p> </div>																				
<p><b>Interacting with the Text</b></p> <p><b>Gallery Walk</b></p> <p><b>Step One-</b> Break students up into groups of 3 or 4.</p> <p>Students can discuss with their teammates any ideas or questions they may have.</p> <p><b>Step Two-</b> Tell students that they will view each picture and complete their “I Know, I Notice, I wonder” chart. Assign each group a starting picture. (There may be two groups per picture.) Give students 3 - 4 minutes at each picture and have them move to the next picture. (A timer will help keep this activity on track.)</p> <p><b>Step Three-</b> Once the students have viewed all the pictures, have a few students share what they found.</p> <p><b>Step Four-</b> Share the Big Idea and the academic language with</p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>Look carefully at each picture and then complete the “I Know, I Notice, I Wonder” chart.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>I Know...</th> <th>I Notice...</th> <th>I Wonder...</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Picture #1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Picture #2</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Picture #3</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Picture #4</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div> <p><b>Differentiated Instruction:</b></p> <p><b>English Learners:</b>          Teachers may want to provide sentence starters/frames for the final step in the Gallery Walk.</p> <p>Teachers may want to re-read the Utopia/Dystopia article with the students and guide their annotations.</p> <p>Teachers may</p>		I Know...	I Notice...	I Wonder...	Picture #1				Picture #2				Picture #3				Picture #4			
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	<p>definitions with the students. Provide examples of the words “in action” and clarify the Big Idea as necessary. Students will then complete the Gallery Walk by connecting the Academic Language words with the pictures in the Gallery Walk citing evidence in the picture.</p> <p><b><u>Utopia/ Dystopia Article</u></b></p> <p><b>Step One-</b> Have students read and annotate the article. (Use an annotation method that your students are familiar with.)</p> <p><b>Step Two-</b> Students should use the article and annotations to create their Cornell Notes.</p>	<p>want to utilize a summary format frame that contains sentence starters for the Cornell Notes.</p> <p><b>Students Who Need Additional Support:</b> Teachers may want to provide sentence starters/frames for the final step in the Gallery Walk.</p> <p>Teachers may want to re-read the Utopia/Dystopia article with the students and guide their annotations.</p> <p>Teachers may want to provide additional guiding questions for students while completing Cornell Notes.</p> <p>Teachers may want to utilize a summary format frame that contains sentence starters for the Cornell Notes.</p> <p><b>Accelerated Learners:</b> Teachers may want to provide links to additional</p>
Extending Understanding	<p><b><u>Extending Understanding</u></b></p> <p>Students will view the Twin Oaks Community in Virginia video and visit their website. This is a modern-day attempt at utopia and students add to their Cornell Notes about utopias and evaluate the commune’s success.</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7HffKdrLz1k">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7HffKdrLz1k</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.twinoaks.org/">http://www.twinoaks.org/</a></p> <p>To extend this activity further, students can research the following communities as well:</p> <p>The Acorn Community of Virginia      <a href="http://www.ic.org/acorn/">http://www.ic.org/acorn/</a></p>	

	<p>The Farm in Tennessee      <a href="http://www.thefarm.org/index.html">http://www.thefarm.org/index.html</a></p> <p>Victory City – A City Under One Roof  <a href="http://www.victorycities.com/">http://www.victorycities.com/</a></p>	<p>utopian communities and require a deeper analysis (i.e. compare/contrast)</p> <p>.</p> <p>Accelerated Learners may find the following video about the viability of utopias interesting.</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RzgVWpa4fzU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RzgVWpa4fzU</a></p> <p>They can add information from the video to their Cornell Notes.</p> <p><b>Special Education:</b></p> <p>Teachers may want to provide sentence starters/frames for the final step in the Gallery Walk.</p> <p>Teachers may want to re-read the Utopia/Dystopia article with the students and guide their annotations.</p> <p>Teachers may want to provide additional guiding questions for students while completing Cornell Notes.</p>
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		<p>Teachers may want to utilize a summary format frame that contains sentence starters.</p> <p>Teachers should make any modifications/ accommodations as detailed in students' IEPs</p>
<b>Lesson Reflection</b>		
Teacher Reflection Evidenced by Student Learning/ Outcomes		

## Anticipation Guide

Great books often allow us to take a closer look at what we believe. Before we start reading *The Giver*, take a few minutes to assess your opinions on the following statements. Please circle whether you strongly disagree, disagree, agree, or strongly agree with each statement. Give a brief justification for your opinion.

1. Sometimes it is okay to lie.

1 (strongly disagree)	2 (disagree)	3 (agree)	4 (strongly agree)
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2. Memories play an important part of your life and who you are.

1 (strongly disagree)	2 (disagree)	3 (agree)	4 (strongly agree)
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3. It is better to remain ignorant about some aspects of life.

1 (strongly disagree)	2 (disagree)	3 (agree)	4 (strongly agree)
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4. In a perfect society, everyone is equal.

1 (strongly disagree)	2 (disagree)	3 (agree)	4 (strongly agree)
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(turn page to complete)

5. The government knows what is best for us.

1 (strongly disagree)	2 (disagree)	3 (agree)	4 (strongly agree)
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6. Rules exist to help us live our lives properly.

1 (strongly disagree)	2 (disagree)	3 (agree)	4 (strongly agree)
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7. It would be much better for society if all negative memories were forgotten.

1 (strongly disagree)	2 (disagree)	3 (agree)	4 (strongly agree)
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8. It is better to be part of a group than to be alone.

1 (strongly disagree)	2 (disagree)	3 (agree)	4 (strongly agree)
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**The Giver Theme Pre-Assessment**

1. Define theme
  - a. subject
  - b. underlying meaning
  - c. main idea
  - d. topic
2. Identify the two types of themes that appear in literary works.
  - a. third and fourth
  - b. leading and following
  - c. major and minor
  - d. first and second
3. What is the difference between the subject and a theme?
  - a. They are both the same
  - b. The subject is the topic, the theme is an opinion.
  - c. I just really don't know
  - d. The theme is the topic, the subject is an opinion.
4. How do you, as a reader, explore theme in a piece of literature
  - a. both B and C.
  - b. by analyzing literary elements
  - c. by analyzing literary techniques
  - d. It's not necessary, I just enjoy reading the story.
5. Identify possible ways an author presents theme in a literary work.
  - a. through the feelings of the main character
  - b. with thoughts and conversations of the characters
  - c. actions and events in the story
  - d. all of the above
6. Identify some of the frequently occurring topics that lead to themes in literature.
  - a. love and friendship
  - b. war
  - c. revenge
  - d. all of the above

7. What is the function of a theme?
  - a. benevolence
  - b. insight
  - c. confusion
  - d. resolution
8. A theme is NOT one word; it is a statement
  - a. True
  - b. False
9. What SHOULD NOT be included in the theme statement?
  - a. characters and plot
  - b. setting
  - c. B only
  - d. all of the above
10. What SHOULD be included in the theme?
  - a. details about the characters
  - b. details about the setting
  - c. details about the plot
  - d. the subject of the literary work and an opinion about
11. *The Book Thief* is the title of a book. Based solely on the title, what do you think a possible theme for the book could be?
  - a. Stealing is wrong.
  - b. Stealing is wrong, but sometimes necessary.
  - c. Who would want to steal BOOKS!!
  - d. Words are powerful.





















**Gallery Walk**

Look carefully at each picture and then complete the “I Know, I Notice, I Wonder” chart.

	I Know...	I Notice...	I Wonder...
Picture #1			
Picture #2			
Picture #3			
Picture #4			
Picture #5			
Picture #6			

Picture #7			
Picture #8			
Picture #9			
Picture #10			

Academic Language Word Bank: conformity, isolation, individuality, ignorance, structure, freedom, choice, and desire

Choose 2 words from the word bank and apply them to the pictures you viewed. Explain what, in the picture, connects to that word.

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Academic Language**

(Important Words for You to Know)

**Conformity:** behaving in a manner that matches societal standards or expectations; obedience

**Isolation:** separation from others, physically or emotionally

**Individuality:** a character trait or collection of qualities that distinguishes one person from another.

**Ignorance:** lack of knowledge, learning, or information

**Big Idea:** Societal structure has the power to promote or limit freedom, choice, and desire.

## Utopia vs. Dystopia

### Introduction

We have all seen movies or read books about the end of the world as we know it. In each instance, a different method for world domination is portrayed. In some cases, ray gun-toting aliens with big heads invade the planet and put their enormous insect-like queen on a throne in the White House. In others, the citizens of the world are slowly brainwashed by prime time television into becoming dull-witted slaves to evil multinational conglomerates. These books and movies have one thing in common: they are all dystopias.

Simply, a **dystopia** is defined as a bad place, a place where no one would want to live, a place in which one's rights and freedoms would be gone, a place where the environment would be devastated. Dystopia is created from the Greek prefix "dys" meaning *bad, harsh, or wrong* and the Greek root "topos" meaning *place*.

In fiction, like Aldous Huxley's *Brave New World*, or in movies like *The Matrix*, the bad place is more than a setting. The dystopia acts as a vehicle for an author's dramatic opinion about the way we live today. In this way, dystopian literature is usually crafted so that it acts as a warning to us - to stop what we're doing or face the consequences.

You may wonder how dystopian literature is different from fairy tales or horror stories. The difference is this: a dystopia is more than a story about a person who acts badly in an otherwise sane world. In a dystopia, everything (from minor characters to setting and beyond) focuses on one evil premise. The protagonist is an outcast of this world and usually the only one able to see the problems inherent in it.

The opposite of a dystopia is a **utopia**. "Utopia" was coined by Thomas Moore for his 1516 book *Utopia*, describing a fictional island in the Atlantic Ocean. It is a play on the Greek prefixes "ou" meaning *no or not* and "eu" meaning *good*. So a utopia is literally "*good place*" and "*no place*" which implies that a utopia is perfect but does not and will not exist. A place, state, or condition that is ideally perfect in respect of politics, laws, customs, and conditions. Utopias can also be defined as an ideal **community** or **society** possessing a perfect **socio-politico-legal system**. The term has been used to describe both **intentional communities** that attempt to create an ideal society, and fictional societies portrayed in **literature**.

### Characteristics of a Utopian Society:

- Peaceful, benevolent government
- Equality for citizens
- Access to education, healthcare, employment, and so forth
- Citizens are free to think independently
- A safe, favorable environment

### Types of Utopian Guiding Principles/ Goals

- ❖ **Religious Beliefs:** Set religious beliefs guide peoples' actions and organization. Examples include Amish, and Shaker communities
- ❖ **Humanism:** Beliefs that stress the value and goodness of human beings and strive to respect everyone and view all as equals. Examples include communes, and communism
- ❖ **Science and Technology:** Science and technology are embraced and enhance our lives, life is easier, more convenient, we are healthier and live longer. Examples include *Star Trek* and *Walden Two* by B.F. Skinner
- ❖ **Economics:** Money is abolished; citizens only do the work they enjoy. Examples include *The Dispossessed* by Ursula K. Le Guin
- ❖ **Ecology:** Back to nature – humans live in harmony with nature and reject industrialization. Examples include *Ecotopia* by Ernest Callenbach and *Pacific Edge* by Kim Stanley Robinson
- ❖ **Politics:** Governing body is equitable, fair, and beneficial to its citizens. Examples include *The Republic* by Plato, *Utopia* by Thomas More and *A Modern Utopia* by H.G. Wells

Unlike a dystopia, a utopia can be difficult to describe. Writers of utopian literature are often caught in a pickle: the perfect place for one is never the perfect place for all. Because of this, the term "**utopian**" can be used outside the literary world to negatively describe a concept or belief as somewhat naive and idealistic. If a

utopia is truly perfect for all, there would be no conflict (which would make a pretty boring story). A dystopia, on the other hand, generally has wide-spread appeal to audiences because it plays upon our deepest fears - a loss of life, liberty, and happiness.

### Characteristics of a Dystopian Society

- Propaganda replaces education and is used to control the citizens of society.
- Information, independent thought, and freedom are restricted.
- Citizens are perceived to be under constant surveillance.
- Citizens have a fear of the outside world.
- Citizens live in a dehumanized state.
- The natural world is banished and distrusted.
- Citizens conform to uniform expectations. Individuality and dissent are bad.

### Types of Dystopian Controls

Most dystopian works present a world in which oppressive societal control and the illusion of a perfect society are maintained through one or more of the following types of controls:

- ❖ **Corporate control:** One or more large corporations control society through products, advertising, and/or the media. Examples include *Minority Report*, *Running Man*, and *Continuum*.
- ❖ **Bureaucratic control:** Society is controlled by a mindless bureaucracy through a tangle of red tape, relentless regulations, and power-hungry government officials. Examples: *The Hunger Games*, *1984*, *Brazil*, *Robocop*, and *Elysium*
- ❖ **Technological control:** Society is controlled by technology—through computers, robots, and/or scientific means. Examples include *The Matrix*, *The Terminator*, and *I, Robot*.
- ❖ **Philosophical/religious control:** Society is controlled by philosophical or religious ideology often enforced through a dictatorship or theocratic government. Examples include *Matched*, and *The Handmaid's Tale*.

### Traits of Dystopian fiction

Many films and works of literature featuring dystopian societies exhibit at least a few of the following traits:

- ❖ The society is an illusion of a perfect utopian world.
- ❖ A selectively told back story of a war, revolution, uprising, spike in overpopulation, natural disaster or some other climatic event which resulted in dramatic changes to society.
- ❖ A standard of living among the lower and middle class that is generally poorer than in the contemporary society. This is not always the case, however, in *Brave New World* and *Equilibrium*, people enjoy a much higher standard of living in exchange for the loss of intelligence and emotion respectively.
- ❖ A protagonist who questions the society. The dystopian protagonist often feels trapped and is struggling to escape; questions the existing social and political systems; believes or feels that something is terribly wrong with the society in which he or she lives; helps the audience recognizes the negative aspects of the dystopian world through his or her perspective.
- ❖ Necessarily, if it is based on our world, a shift of emphasis of control to corporations, autocratic cliques or bureaucracies.
- ❖ Because dystopian literature takes place in the future, it often features technology more advanced than that of the contemporary society in which it was written.
- ❖ For the reader to engage with it, dystopian fiction typically has one other trait: familiarity. It is not enough to show people living in a society that seems pleasant. The society must have echoes of today, of the reader's own experience. If the reader can identify the patterns or trends that would lead to the dystopia, it becomes a more involving and effective experience. Authors can use a dystopia effectively to highlight their own concerns about societal trends.



Questions:	Notes:
Summary:	

**Teacher:**

<b>Unit:</b> <i>The Giver</i> <b>Lesson #:</b> 2	<b>Grade Level/Course:</b> 8th/ELA	<b>Duration:</b> 6 - 7 days <b>Date:</b>
<b>Big Idea:</b> Societal structure has the power to promote or limit freedom, choice, and desire.		
<b>Essential Questions:</b>		
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How can societal rules help or hurt us?</li> <li>How can a society balance individualism with responsibility to community?</li> <li>Think of our current society – what aspects of utopias and dystopias do we have?</li> <li>When should one conform to the wishes or rules of others?</li> <li>What are the consequences for a society when people have choices? / How is society impacted by personal choices? / How do personal choices impact a society?</li> </ol>
<b>Common Core and Content Standards</b>	<p><b>Content Standards:</b></p> <p><b>RL.8.1.</b> Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text</p> <p><b>RL 8.2</b> Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.</p> <p><b>RL.8.3</b>Analyze lines of dialogue or incidents</p> <p><b>RL8.4</b> Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text,including the figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.</p> <p><b>SL.8.1.</b> Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher led) with diverse partners on grade 6 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.</p> <p>a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material;explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.</p> <p>b. Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.</p> <p>c. Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.</p> <p>d. Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.</p> <p><b>SL.8.2</b> Analyze information from media</p>	
<b>Materials/ Resources/ Lesson Preparation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vocabulary Notebook</li> <li>- <i>The Giver</i> book for each student</li> <li>- Book Audio (<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZgwCeQ_yRRU">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZgwCeQ_yRRU</a>)</li> <li>- Dialectical Journal</li> <li>- Community Life Schedule</li> <li>- Denmark baby names NF article</li> <li>- Canvas Discussion Board (sausd.instructure.com user: full email password: Aeries default)</li> <li>- Discussion Questions</li> </ul>	

	<p>- Google Slide Presentations (chapter summaries- group)</p>	
<b>Objectives</b>	<p><b>Content:</b> Students will analyze the text by answering Text Dependent Questions.</p> <p>Students will compare and contrast Denmark and Jonas's community by writing an analytical paragraph.</p> <p>Students will reflect and respond to text Dependent Questions using on-line chats in Canvas.</p> <p>Students will make connections in writing from the Denmark Article to Jonas's community.</p> <p>Students will understand the meaning of select works by completing a vocabulary notebook.</p>	<p><b>Language:</b> Students will use standard English when making Discussion Board posts.</p> <p>Students will use standard English when writing an analytical paragraph.</p> <p>Students will use academic and content vocabulary to respond in writing.</p>
<b>Depth of Knowledge Level</b>	<p><b>Level 1: Recall</b></p> <p><b>Level 3: Strategic Thinking</b></p>	<p><b>Level 2: Skill/Concept</b></p> <p><b>Level 4: Extended Thinking</b></p>
<b>College and Career Ready Skills</b>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Demonstrating independence      <input type="checkbox"/> Building strong content knowledge</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responding to varying demands of audience, task, purpose, and discipline      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Valuing evidence      <input type="checkbox"/> Comprehending as well as critiquing</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Using technology and digital media strategically and capably</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coming to understand other perspectives and cultures</p>	
<b>Common Core Instructional Shifts</b>	<p>Building knowledge through content-rich nonfiction texts</p> <p>Reading and writing grounded from text</p> <p>Regular practice with complex text and its academic vocabulary</p>	
<b>Academic Vocabulary (Tier II &amp; Tier III)</b>		
TEACHER PROVIDES SIMPLE EXPLANATION	<b>KEY WORDS ESSENTIAL TO UNDERSTANDING</b>	<b>WORDS WORTH KNOWING</b>
	utopia dystopia	

	<b>STUDENTS FIGURE OUT THE MEANING</b>	inconveniencing apprehensive prominent remorse nondescript	
<b>Pre-teaching Considerations</b>	<p>You should be familiar with Chapters 1-5 and be able to guide students in discussions and identifying key events and significant quotes.</p> <p>Teacher may add to the “words worth knowing” chart, based on students’ vocabulary needs.</p>		
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<b><u>Lesson Overview</u></b>	<p><b>Preparing the Learner:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Vocabulary Notebook</li> </ol> <p><b>Interacting with the Text:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Audio recording of Chapter 1</li> <li>3. Model Dialectical Journal</li> <li>4. Independent reading of Chapters 2 - 5</li> <li>5. Community Life Schedule</li> <li>6. Group Summaries as necessary</li> <li>7. Dialectical Journal (independently or with opportunities to share)</li> <li>8. TDQ’s Canvas Discussion Board</li> <li>9. Double Bubble in Google Draw (or on paper) of Santa Ana and Jonas’s Community</li> </ol> <p><b>Extending Understanding:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. Non-fiction Article “Picked Baby’s Name? Not so fast in Denmark”</li> </ol>		
<b>Preparing the Learner</b>	<p>Students will use a Vocabulary Notebook (<b>Resource 2.1</b>) to record and learn new words from <i>The Giver</i>. This notebook will be used throughout Lessons 2-5.</p>		

<b>Interacting with the Text</b>	<p><b>Directions for Dialectical Journal (Resource 2.1B)</b></p> <p><b>Step One-</b> (Teacher will explain example in Dialectical Journal. Next, teacher will write an entry with students before students work independently) Choose a quote or line from the chapter that has meaning or significance to the reader.</p> <p><b>Step Two-</b> List the page number of quote, write the quote exactly as it is written in the novel</p> <p><b>Step Three-</b> Write an explanation of how the quote is connected to the big idea or the essential questions of the novel.</p> <p><b>Step Four-</b> Students share entries with partner using academic conversation frames if needed.</p> <p>* <b>Step Four-</b> Sharing out will occur simultaneously among groups in which they will create a summary slide.</p> <p><b>Directions for Group Summaries</b></p> <p>As students read <i>The Giver</i> independently or in class, after each chapter, one group will create a shared Google slide summary to be presented to the class. The requirements for the slide include: chapter # read, bullet points of significant events, an agreed upon quote and an explanation from their dialectical journal (<b>Resource 2.1C</b>). Groups will present the slide, with the requirement that all members contribute and speak during the presentation.</p> <p><b>Directions for Community Life Schedule</b></p> <p>(Students will complete this activity independently as they read <i>The Giver</i>)</p> <p><b>Step one-</b> Students will write details from <i>The Giver</i>, of what major life events happen to community members during each year of their lives. See example of birth in <b>Resource 2.2</b>.</p> <p>*numbers with an asterisk beside them may not have a major event listed in the book</p> <p><b>Directions for Canvas Discussion Board</b></p> <p>*Suggested Text Dependent Questions are listed in <b>Resource 2.3</b></p> <p><b>Step one-</b> Teacher posts the text dependent questions for the</p>	<p><b>Differentiated Instruction:</b></p> <p><b>English Learners:</b></p> <p>A link for the audio recording on YouTube allows students to listen to the text while they read.</p> <p><b>Students Who Need Additional Support:</b></p> <p>A link for the audio recording on YouTube allows students to listen to the text while they read.</p> <p><b>Accelerated Learners:</b></p> <p>-Have students annotate their dialectical journals and articles with appropriate GATE icons.</p> <p><b>Special Education:</b></p> <p>A link for the</p>
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	<p>corresponding chapters as a discussion topic.</p> <p><b>Step two-</b> Student groups have an opportunity to post answers and post thoughtful comments in response to peer posts.</p> <p><b>Step three-</b> Teacher monitors and assesses student posts</p> <p><b>Directions for Double Bubble</b></p> <p>(Can be created by students in Google Draw or on paper)</p>	<p>audio recording on YouTube allows students to listen to the text while they read.</p>
<b>Extending Understanding</b>	<p><b>Step one-</b> Create two inner circles. One labeled Jonas's Community and the other labeled Santa Ana. Teacher encourages student to find as many similarities and differences in the two communities. (Independent activity)</p> <p><b>Step two-</b> Students choose three similarities and three differences from their double bubbles to include in a paragraph</p> <p><b>Step three-</b> Write a well-developed paragraph comparing and contrasting the communities of Santa Ana and Jonas's community. Use the compare/contrast paragraph frame resource as needed.</p> <p><b>Directions for Non-fiction Article</b></p> <p>“Picked Baby’s Name? Not so fast in Denmark”</p> <p><b>Step one-</b>Students read the article independently.</p> <p><b>Step 2-</b>Teacher reads aloud article while students annotate article. See annotation chart on top of article. Students highlight or underline text and use annotation symbol in margins of article.</p> <p><b>Step 3-</b> Students write a detailed paragraph comparing the naming process in Denmark and in <i>The Giver</i>. Students should address the importance of sameness in each community.</p>	
<b>Lesson Reflection</b>		
<b>Teacher Reflection Evidenced by Student Learning/Outcomes</b>		

## Vocabulary Notebook: *The Giver*, Chapters 1-5

<i>Word &amp; Translation</i>	<i>Picture/Image</i>	<i>Definition</i>	<i>Source Sentence</i>	<i>Original Sentence</i>
inconveniencing			<p>“I apologize for <b>inconveniencing</b> my learning community.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chapter 1</p>	
apprehensive			<p>“I’m feeling <b>apprehensive</b>,” he confessed, glad that the appropriate descriptive word had finally come to him.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chapter 2</p>	
prominent			<p>“Next, Mother, who held a <b>prominent</b> position at the department of Justice, talked about her feelings.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chapter 1</p>	
remorse			<p>“No one had mentioned it, ...the public announcement had been sufficient to produce the appropriate <b>remorse</b>.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chapter 3</p>	
nondescript			<p>“The same <b>nondescript</b> shade, about the same shade as his own tunic.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chapter 3</p>	

Vocabulary Notebook: *The Giver*, Chapters 1-5

## Resource 2.1A

<i>Word &amp; Translation</i>	<i>Picture/Image</i>	<i>Definition</i>	<i>Source Sentence</i>	<i>Original Sentence</i>

## Dialectical Journal

The Giver

**Directions:** Complete this reader response log while reading *The Giver* (both in class and while you read independently). This format will guide you through the reading and thinking process to help develop your ideas and express them on paper so that you can better participate in the discussion board with your team.

**Big Idea:** Societal structure has the power to promote or limit freedom, choice, and desire.

**Essential Questions:** 1. How can societal rules help or hurt us? 2. How can a society balance individualism with responsibility to community? 3. Think of our current society – what aspects of utopias and dystopias do we have? 4. When should one conform to the wishes or rules of others? 5. How do personal choices impact a society?

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## Resource 2.1B- Dialectical Journal

**Google Slide Summary Worksheet****Chapter # and Title:** \_\_\_\_\_**Significant Events:**1) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_2) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_3) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_4) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_5) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_**Quotation Analysis from Dialectical Journal**

Chapter & Page	Quote chosen:	Analysis:

**Notes for presentation:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Community “Life Schedule”**  
**The Giver, by Lois Lowry**

Age	Life Event(s)
Birth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live with other new children in the Nurturing Center</li> <li>• Comfort object given</li> </ul>
1	
2*	
3	
4	
5*	
6*	
7	
8	
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive bicycle</li> <li>• </li> </ul>
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• </li> </ul>
11	
12	
Full Adulthood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apply for spouse/Matching of spouse</li> <li>• </li> </ul>
Childless Adult	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Go to live with Childless Adults</li> </ul>
Old Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• </li> <li>• CEREMONY OF RELEASE</li> </ul>

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1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Naming &amp; Placement</li> <li>• Given to chosen parents</li> </ul>
2*	
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Instructed in correct language</li> <li>• Dream-telling begins</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jacket fastens on the back (to encourage cooperation)</li> </ul>
5*	
6*	
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Begin wearing front-button jacket</li> </ul>
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smaller buttons on jacket, get pockets</li> <li>• Comfort object taken away</li> <li>• Start volunteer hours</li> </ul>
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive bicycle</li> <li>• Girls lose hair ribbons</li> </ul>
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boys get their hair cut; girls lose their braids</li> </ul>
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boys get longer trousers; girls receive new undergarments</li> <li>• Issued calculators for school</li> <li>• Complete all volunteer hours</li> <li>• Stirrings begin; start taking pills</li> </ul>

12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Receive Assignments</li><li>• Begin adulthood</li><li>• Start training, as school continues</li></ul>
Full Adulthood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Apply for spouse/Matching of spouse</li><li>• Apply for Child (1 or 2)</li></ul>
Childless Adult	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Go to live with Childless Adults</li></ul>
Old Age	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Go to live in the House of the Old</li><li>• Ceremony of Release</li></ul>

Possible Canvas Questions and Statements to Guide Student Discussion Boards.**Lesson 2, Chapters 1-5:**

-What do you think of the “family unit” within this unique community? How do their daily rituals enhance the close bond between family members?

-In Jonas’s community, children receive their life assignments at age 12. Discuss the entering of adulthood at this early age. How do you feel about being assigned one job for your entire life?

-What are the freedoms members of this community give up for the good of the society? Do you feel that this is working? Why or why not?

**Lesson 3, Chapters 6-10:**

-Gabriel is placed with Jonas’s family unit, then returned to the Nurturing Center. How does this affect the household and the community? What do you feel should happen to him? What normally happens to children like Gabriel?

-How do the main characters feel about their assignments? Why were they chosen for them? How would you feel if you were assigned a job that you did not like? Would you want to do the same job for the rest of your life?

-Discuss the list of instructions Jonas is given. Which one caused him the most conflict and why?

**Lesson 4, Chapters 11-17**

-How do you think the training as Receiver will affect Jonas’s relationships? How will it affect his future relationships, such as applying for a spouse and children? Do you think the *honor* that comes with this position is worth it to Jonas?

-Discuss the positive and negative aspects of being The Receiver of Memory. Why does Jonas feel isolated? How does Jonas react to seeing in color?

-Do you feel that Jonas giving Gabriel a pleasant memory was a wise choice? What was Jonas’s reason for doing this?

-Discuss what it really means to be “released.” How does Jonas react to this knowledge? How will this change his relationship with his father after seeing the release of the twin?

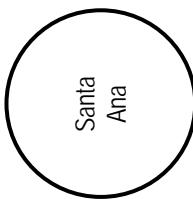
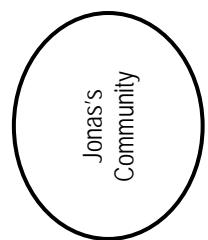
**Lesson 5, Chapters 18-23**

-Who is Rosmary and why is she important?

-How does the story end? Do Jonas and Gabriel die? Do they make it to a place called “Elsewhere”?

-Revisit your Cornell Notes on utopias and dystopias. Is Jonas’s community more of a utopia or a dystopia? Please provide at least two reasons for your choices with examples from the story and article.

## Compare and Contrast Jonas's Community and Santa Ana



**Directions:** Write a well-developed paragraph comparing and contrasting the communities of Santa Ana and Jonas's community. Use your double-bubble map and the compare/contrast paragraph frame resource as needed.

## Compare/Contrast Paragraph Frame

<p>Start by identifying the items you are comparing and state that they have similarities and differences. (Don't forget to indent your paragraph.)</p>	<p>_____ and _____ have some similarities and some differences.</p>
<p>Add to your paragraph by stating <b>how</b> both items are similar. You may use the transition word <i>first</i>.</p>	<p>First, _____ and _____ are the same because they both _____.</p>
<p>Add more similarities in as many sentences as are needed. Use transitional words like <i>second</i>, <i>additionally</i>, <i>in addition</i>, <i>another</i>, <i>moreover</i>, <i>also</i>, <i>next</i>, <i>furthermore</i>, <i>last</i>, or <i>finally</i>.</p>	<p>Additionally, they both _____.</p>
<p>Next, explain that the items have some differences. Choose one of the following transitional words or phrases: <i>on the other hand</i>, <i>contrarily</i>, or <i>conversely</i>.</p>	<p>On the other hand, _____ and _____ have some differences.</p>
<p>Add to your paragraph by stating <b>how</b> both items are different. You may use the transitional word <i>first</i>.</p>	<p>First, _____ (is/has/does) _____, but _____ (is not/has not/does not) _____.</p>
<p>Add more differences in as many sentences as are needed. Use transitional words like <i>second</i>, <i>additionally</i>, <i>in addition</i>, <i>another</i>, <i>moreover</i>, <i>also</i>, <i>next</i>, <i>furthermore</i>, <i>last</i>, or <i>finally</i>. After the comma, you use a contrasting word like <i>but</i>, <i>although</i>, or <i>yet</i>.</p>	<p>Second, _____ (is/has/does) _____, although _____ (is not/has not/does not) _____.</p>
<p>Conclude your paragraph by reminding your reader that the items you are writing about have some similarities and some differences. Signal your conclusion by using one of the following words or phrases: <i>clearly</i>, <i>obviously</i>, <i>assuredly</i>, <i>without doubt</i>, or <i>certainly</i>.</p>	<p>Clearly, _____ and _____ have similarities and differences.</p>
<p><b>Note:</b> Be sure your paragraph looks like the one to the right. Do not leave extra white spaces or line spaces.</p>	<p>_____ and _____ have some similarities and some differences. First, _____ and _____ are the same because they both _____. Additionally, they both _____. On the other hand, _____ and _____ have some differences. First, _____ (is/has/does) _____, but _____ (is not/has not/does not) _____. Second, _____ (is/has/does) _____, although _____ (is not/has not/does not) _____. Clearly, _____ and _____ have similarities and differences.</p>

1. Read the article independently.
2. Reread the article and annotate.
- \* = Key Idea, Main Point ! = Surprising ? = Confusing parts; Questions
- o = Connection
4. Complete the extended response at the end.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

## Picked baby's name? Not so fast, in Denmark

By Lizette Alvarez *New York Times* Published: Saturday, October 9, 2004

COPENHAGEN — If Denmark somehow morphed into the celebrity epicenter of the universe, there would be no place for the baby-naming eccentricities of the world's megastars.

Apple Paltrow Martin would be rejected as a fruit, Jett Travolta as a plane (and misspelled to boot), Brooklyn Beckham as a place, and Rumer Willis, as, well, Danish name investigators would not even know where to begin with that one.

"Cuba is also a problem," said Michael Lerche Nielsen, assistant professor for the Department of Name Research at Copenhagen University. "I have to decide: Is this a typical boy or girl name? And that's the problem with geographical names."

In Denmark, a country that embraces rules with the same gusto that Italy defies them, choosing a first and last name for a child is a serious, multitiered affair, governed by law and subject to the approval of the Ministry of Ecclesiastical Affairs and the Ministry of Family and Consumer Affairs.

At its heart, the Law on Personal Names is designed to protect Denmark's innocents - the children who are undeservedly, some would say cruelly, burdened by preposterous or silly names. It is the state's view that children should not suffer ridicule and abuse because of their parents' lapses in judgment or their misguided attempts to be hip. Denmark, like much of Scandinavia, prizes sameness, not uniqueness, just as it values usefulness, not frivolousness.

"You shouldn't stand out from anyone else here; you shouldn't think you are better than anyone else," said Lan Tan, a 27-year-old Danish woman of Singaporean and Malaysian descent who is trying to win approval for her daughter's name, Frida Mei Tan-Farnsden. "It's very Scandinavian."

While other Scandinavian countries, and some like France, have similar laws, Denmark's is the strictest. So strict that the Danish Ministry of Justice is proposing to relax the law to reflect today's Denmark, a place where common-law marriage is accepted, immigration is growing and divorce is routine. The measure, which would add names to the official list, is scheduled for debate in Parliament in November.

"The government, from a historical point of view, feels a responsibility towards its weak citizens," said Rasmus Larsen, chief adviser at the Ministry for Ecclesiastical Affairs, discussing the law. "It doesn't want to see people put in a situation where they can't defend themselves. We do the same in traffic; we have people wear seat belts."

People expecting children can choose a pre-approved name from a government list of 7,000 mostly West European and English names - 3,000 for boys, 4,000 for girls. A few ethnic names, like Ali and Hassan, have recently been added.

But those wishing to deviate from the official list must seek permission at their local parish church, where all newborns' names are registered. A request for an unapproved name triggers a review at Copenhagen University's Names Investigation Department and at the Ministry of Ecclesiastical Affairs, which has the ultimate authority. The law applies only if one of the parents is Danish.

Many parents do not realize how difficult it can be to get a name approved by the government. About 1,100 names are reviewed every year, and 15 percent to 20 percent are rejected, mostly for odd spellings.

Compound surnames, like Tan-Farnsden, also pose a problem.

Parents who try to be creative by naming their child Jakob or Bebop or Ashley (three recent applications) are typically stunned when they are rejected. In some cases, a baby may go without an officially approved name for weeks, even months, making for irate, already sleep-deprived, parents.

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## Resource 2.6- Picking Baby Names in Denmark

Greg Nagan, 39, and Trine Kammer, 32, thought it would be cute to name their new daughter Molli Malou. To their surprise, Malou was not a problem, but Molli with an i, which they had thought sounded Danish, had to be reviewed by the government.

The church told Kammer she needed to state in a letter the reason for choosing Molli. She did so, and said she told the clerk, "Here's your stupid letter: The reason for naming her Molli is because we like it."

"Isn't this silly?" Kammer said. "We love to make everything a rule here. They love to bureaucratize."

The century-old law was initially designed to bring order to surnames. Before the law, surnames changed with every generation: Peter Hansen would name his son Hans Petersen. Then Hans Petersen would name his son Peter Hansen. And on it went, wreaking bureaucratic havoc. The law ended that. It also made it difficult for people to change their last names, a move that was designed to appease the noble class, which feared widespread name-poaching by arrivistes, Nielsen said.

Then in the 1960s, a furor erupted over the first name Tessa, which resembled tisse, which means to urinate in Danish. Distressed over the lack of direction in the law, the Danish government expanded the statute to grapple with first names. Now the law is as long as an average size book.

It falls mostly to Nielsen, at Copenhagen University, to apply the law and review new names, on a case-by-case basis. In a nutshell, he said, Danish law stipulates that boys and girls must have different names, first names cannot also be last names, and bizarre names are O.K. as long as they are "common."

And what about Molli Malou?

Approved, by government decree, just recently.

**Extended Response Question:** Denmark's baby naming issue reveals values that the society decided were important enough to enforce through laws. Explain why Denmark feels this is important. Compare Denmark's decision of the baby naming process to Jonas's community in *The Giver*. How are these societies connected? How are they different? Construct your answer in a detailed paragraph.



**Teacher:**

<b>Unit:</b> Lesson #: 3	<b>Grade Level/Course:</b> 8th/ELA	<b>Duration:</b> 5 to 6 days
<b>Big Idea:</b> Societal structure has the power to promote or limit freedom, choice, and desire.		
<b>Essential Questions:</b>		
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How can societal rules help or hurt us?</li> <li>2. How can society balance individualism with responsibility to community?</li> <li>3. Think of our current society – what aspects of utopias and dystopias do we have?</li> <li>4. When should one conform to the wishes or rules of others?</li> <li>5. What are the consequences for a society when people have choices? How is society impacted by personal choices? How do personal choices impact a society?</li> </ol>
<b>Common Core and Content Standards</b>	<p><b>Content Standards:</b></p> <p>RL.8.1. Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text</p> <p>RL.8.2. Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.</p> <p>RI.8.1. Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.</p> <p>RI.8.2. Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text including its relationship to supporting ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.</p> <p>RI.8.3. Analyze how a text makes connections</p> <p>W.8.1. Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.</p> <p>b. Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.</p> <p>W.8.2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.</p> <p>SL.8.1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions</p> <p>a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.</p>	
<b>Materials/ Resources/ Lesson Preparation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vocabulary Notebook</li> <li>- <i>The Giver</i> book for each student</li> <li>- Dialectical Journal</li> <li>- Community Life Schedule</li> <li>- Canvas Discussion Board (<a href="https://sausd.instructure.com">sausd.instructure.com</a> user: full email password: Aeries default)</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Group Summaries</li> <li>- Google Slide Presentations (chapter summaries- group)</li> <li>- Job Application/ Activity</li> <li>- Let Teenagers Try Adulthood Article by Leon Botstein</li> </ul>	
<b>Objectives</b>	<p><b>Content:</b> Students will understand the meaning of select works by completing a vocabulary notebook.</p> <p>Students will reflect and respond to text Dependent Questions using on-line chats in Canvas.</p> <p>Students will analyze the text by answering Text Dependent Questions.</p> <p>Students will write an Extended Response on <i>keeping children in school vs. entering the workforce</i> referring to the related article “Let Teenagers Try Adulthood”.</p> <p>Students will fill out a job application for a “Community” job.</p>	<p><b>Language:</b> Students will use standard English when making Discussion Board posts.</p> <p>Students will use academic and content vocabulary to respond in writing.</p>
<b>Depth of Knowledge Level</b>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Level 1: Recall</b>   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Level 2: Skill/Concept</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Level 3: Strategic Thinking</b>   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Level 4: Extended Thinking</b></p>	
<b>College and Career Ready Skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Building strong content knowledge</li> <li>-Valuing evidence audience, task, purpose, and discipline</li> <li>-Comprehending as well as critiquing</li> <li>-Using technology and digital media strategically and capably</li> <li>-Coming to understand other perspectives and cultures</li> </ul>	
<b>Common Core Instructional Shifts</b>	<p>Building knowledge through content-rich nonfiction texts</p> <p>Reading and writing grounded from text</p> <p>Regular practice with complex text and its academic vocabulary</p>	

	TEACHER PROVIDES SIMPLE EXPLANATION	KEY WORDS ESSENTIAL TO UNDERSTANDING	WORDS WORTH KNOWING
			Utopian, Dystopian
STUDENTS FIGURE OUT THE MEANING	meticulously, retroactive, interdependence, excruciating, anguish, buoyancy, indulgently, conspicuous, benign, deftly		chastisement, exuberant, crescendo
Pre-teaching Considerations	Students should have read chapters 6-10 before lesson. Students should be familiar with Dialectical Journals, Vocabulary Notebooks, the Community “Life Schedule” and Group Summary formats. For the Freedom of Choice Activity, teacher will need envelopes and will need to print occupation cards in advance.		
<b>Lesson Delivery Comprehension</b>			
Instructi onal Methods	<p><b>Method(s) used in the lesson:</b></p> <p>-Modeling   -Guided Practice   -Collaboration   -Independent Practice</p> <p>-Guided Inquiry   -Reflection</p>		
<u>Lesson Overview</u>	<p><b>Preparing the Learner:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Vocabulary Notebook</li> </ol> <p><b>Interacting with the Text:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Independent reading of Chapters 6-10</li> <li>2. Group summaries as necessary</li> <li>3. Dialectical Journal</li> <li>4. TDQ’s Canvas Discussion Board (Resource 2.3)</li> <li>5. Community “Life Schedule” Activity (Resource 2.2)</li> <li>6. “Freedom of Choice” Job Assignment and Job Application</li> </ol> <p><b>Extending Understanding:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Non-fiction Article “Let Teenagers Try Adulthood” Article by Leon Botstein</li> </ol>		
Preparing the Learner	Students will use a Vocabulary Notebook (Resource 3.1) to record and learn new words from <i>The Giver</i> . This notebook will be used throughout Lessons 2 -5		

<b>Interacting with the Text</b>	<p><b>Directions for Dialectical Journal (3.2)</b></p> <p><b>Step One-</b> (Teacher will explain example in Dialectical Journal. Next, teacher will write an entry with students before students work independently) Choose a quote or line from the chapter that has meaning or significance to the reader.</p> <p><b>Step Two-</b> List the page number of quote, write the quote exactly as it is written in the novel</p> <p><b>Step Three-</b> Write an explanation of how the quote is connected to the big idea or the essential questions of the novel.</p> <p><b>Step Four-</b> Students share entries with partner using academic conversation frames if needed.</p> <p>* <b>Step Four-</b> Sharing out will occur simultaneously among groups in which they will create a summary slide.</p> <p><b>Directions for Group Summaries</b></p> <p>As students read <i>The Giver</i> independently or in class, after each chapter, one group will create a shared Google slide summary to be presented to the class. The requirements for the slide include: chapter # read, bullet points of significant events, an agreed upon quote and an explanation from their dialectical journal (Resource 3.3). Groups will present the slide, with the requirement that all members contribute and speak during the presentation.</p>	<b>Differentiated Instruction:</b> <b>English Learners:</b> Students should be given full access to the resources for writing and be able to work together in order to answer the TDQ and activities for lesson. In addition, a link for the audio recording on YouTube allows students to listen to the text while they read.
<b>Extending Understanding</b>	<p><b>Directions for Community Life Schedule</b></p> <p>(Students will complete this activity independently as they read <i>The Giver</i>) Resource 2.2</p> <p><b>Step one-</b>Students will write details from <i>The Giver</i>, regarding what major life events happen to community members during each year of their lives. See example of birth.</p> <p>*numbers with an asterisk beside them may not have a major event listed in the book</p>	<b>Students Who Need Additional Support:</b> A link for the audio recording on YouTube allows students to listen to the text while they read.

	<p><b><u>Directions for Canvas Discussion Board</u></b></p> <p>*Suggested Text Dependent Questions are listed in <b>Resource 2.3</b></p> <p><b>Step one-</b> Teacher posts the text dependent questions for the corresponding chapters as a discussion topic.</p> <p><b>Step two-</b> Student groups have an opportunity to post answers and post thoughtful comments in response to peer posts.</p> <p><b>Step three-</b> Teacher monitors and assesses student posts</p> <p><b><u>Job Application Activity</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Have students fill out the job application the night before they engage in the activity that follows (“Freedom of Choice” Job Assignment) <b>Resource 3.4</b></li> <li>-At the beginning of class, have students reflect on what they learned about themselves and their qualifications by filling out the job application.</li> <li>- <b>“Freedom of Choice” Job Assignment</b></li> </ul> <p>Students will gain an appreciation of Freedom of Choice. In <i>The Giver</i> there is no freedom of choice. At the age of twelve all members of the community are assigned their occupations, they are forced to have their assigned occupation for life.</p> <p><b>Step One:</b> As students enter the classroom they will be handed an envelope containing a random occupation. (jobs listed in <b>Resource 3.5B</b>)</p> <p><b>Step Two:</b> Before opening their envelopes, students will get into groups of 5 to 6.</p> <p><b>Step Three:</b> The groups will be instructed to make a list of three things that they did today that involved choices: an example of something that they had no choice about, one thing that they had total control over, and one thing that they had several choices.</p> <p><b>Step Four:</b> After the groups discuss these 3 things, the teacher should point out that these occupations are necessary and honorable. Then, students will open their envelopes.</p> <p><b>Step Five:</b> A group leader named in each group will call on each individual group member and ask them to a.) Name the occupation they</p>	<p>Utopian Society by researching different Utopian Societies and see if they were successful by discussing their finding within the writing activity.</p> <p><b>Special Education:</b> A link for the audio recording on YouTube allows students to listen to the text while they read. An alternative assignment to The Freedom of Choice Activity would be The Giver Job Assignment (Resource# ) *Also refer to individual IEP.</p>
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	<p>were given and b.) Describe why or why not they would like to perform that occupation for the rest of their lives. Students should defend their decisions with logical reasoning.</p> <p><b>Step Six:</b> Students will write an extended response on Canvas. Students will need to describe the occupation that was chosen for them, and what they would like their occupations to be (if they don't agree with the chosen occupation); this must include an explanation of how they felt about their chosen occupation considering that they had no independent choice.</p> <p>***Alternate Job Assignment Activity in lieu of "Freedom of Choice" activity included for teacher's choice/discretion.***</p> <p><b>The Giver Job Assignment (Resource 3.6)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u><b>The Giver</b></u> Job Assignment Activity</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p>Directions: From the perspective of the Committee of Elders, you will think about the most appropriate "Assignment" to give to the student whose name you draw. You will think about the most appropriate Assignment based primarily on strengths you have observed, but also any challenges. You will select an Assignment from the attached list. Keep in mind that this will be a lifelong assignment, so choose wisely!</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Base your decision on what you already know plus what you learn during your observations this week. Remember, the Assignment must remain secret until the Ceremony later this week.</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Fill in the chart below with at least 3 characteristics, and at least one from each side of the chart. Be sure to answer the follow up questions below the chart.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Strengths</th><th style="text-align: center;">Challenges</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Student Name: _____</p> <p>Selected Assignment: _____</p> <p>Reasoning for Assignment: (Must include discussion of their strengths and challenges in paragraph format.)</p> </div> <td data-bbox="1269 219 1521 1890"></td>	Strengths	Challenges													
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	<p>- Non Fiction Activity: Are Utopias Possible? (Resource 3.7)</p> <p><b>Step 1:</b></p> <p>Divide class into groups of five.</p> <p>Have students read one of the articles from Resource 3.7, record a summary of the ideas from the text and answer the text-dependent questions in the graphic organizer.</p> <p><b>Step 2:</b></p> <p>When all members of the group have completed the tasks for their article, group members should share their findings with their group members while their group members fill out the squares in their graphic organizers.</p> <p><b>Step 3:</b></p> <p>As a group, have students tackle the Compare/Contrast questions, citing the article(s) from which they obtained their answers.</p> <p><b>Step 4:</b></p> <p>Have students, in their groups, discuss the synthesis questions for four minutes. Then, have students begin to respond to the questions individually. Students should provide textual evidence and cite which article(s) from which they obtained their support.</p> <p><b>Directions for Non-fiction Article</b></p> <p>“Let Teenagers Try Adulthood”</p> <p><b>Step 1</b> -Students read the article independently.</p> <p><b>Step 2</b> -Teacher reads aloud article while students annotate article. See annotation chart on top of article. Students highlight or underline text and use annotation symbol in margins of article.</p> <p><b>Step 3</b> - Students complete the dissection &amp; extended response detailed paragraph about the concept of keeping children in school vs. entering the workforce.</p>	
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<b>Lesson Reflection</b>	
<b>Teacher Reflection Evidenced by Student Learning/ Outcomes</b>	

Vocabulary Notebook: *The Giver*, Chapters 6-10

<i>Word &amp; Translation</i>	<i>Picture/Image</i>	<i>Definition</i>	<i>Source Sentence</i>	<i>Original Sentence</i>
interdependence			“Fours, Fives, and Sixes all wore jackets...so that they would have to help each other dress and would learn <b>interdependence</b> . Chapter 6	
relinquish			“Each family member...would <b>relinquish</b> him without protest or appeal when he was assigned to his own family unit...” Chapter 6	
acquisition			“The <b>acquisition</b> of wisdom will come through his training.” Chapter 8	
exempted			“3. From this moment you are <b>exempted</b> from rules regarding rudeness. You may ask questions of any citizen...” Chapter 9	
intricate			“The bed...was draped with a splendid cloth embroidered over its entire surface with <b>intricate</b> designs.” Chapter 10	

Vocabulary Notebook: *The Giver*, Chapters 6-10

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## Grade 8 ELA- *The Giver* Unit

Dialectical Journal

## *The Giver*

## Resource 3.2- Dialectical Journal

Name:

## Chapters:

**Directions:** Complete this reader response log while reading ***The Giver*** (both in class and while you read independently). This format will guide you through the reading & thinking process to help develop your ideas and express them on paper so that you can better participate in the discussion board with your team.

**Big Idea:** Societal structure has the power to promote or limit freedom, choice, and desire.

**Essential Questions:** 1. How can societal rules help or hurt us? 2. How can a society balance individualism with responsibility to community? 3. Think of our current society – what aspects of utopias and dystopias do we have? 4. When should one conform to the wishes or rules of others? 5. How do personal choices impact a society?

## Grade 8 ELA- *The Giver* Unit

## Resource 3.2B- Dialectical Journal

**Google Slide Summary Worksheet****Chapter # and Title:** \_\_\_\_\_**Significant Events:**1) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_2) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_3) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_4) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_5) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_**Quotation Analysis from Dialectical Journal**

Chapter & Page	Quote chosen:	Analysis:

**Notes for presentation:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## Spell-It-Right Research Institute Job Application

We are happy that you applied for a job with our company. Please fill out the following application. Be sure to use all of your spelling words. Be creative and have fun!

### Name of Applicant

(last)

(first)

(middle)

### Address

How long have you lived at this address?

### Previous address

Date of birth

Place of birth

(month)

(day)

(year)

(city)

(state)

### Hobbies, interests, leisure activities

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### Education

(school name)

(city)

(state)

(school name)

(city)

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## Job Application (Continued)

### Work History

Employer

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Type of business

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Immediate supervisor

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Job skill

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Reason for leaving

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Employer

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Type of business

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Reason for leaving

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What type of work would you like to do in our company?

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## **Freedom of Choice Activity**

Make a list of three things:

- ## 1. Something you did today that involved choices.

2. An example of something that you had no choice about.

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3. Name one thing that you had total control over and one thing that you had several choices about.

## In your group:

- a.) Name the occupation you were given \_\_\_\_\_

b.) Describe why you would or would not like to perform that occupation for the rest of your lives.

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## Extended Response:

What was the occupation that was chosen for you? If you don't agree with the occupation that was chosen for you, what would you like your occupation to be? Explain how you felt about not having been given a choice in what you would be doing for the rest of your life. Provide plenty of details in your response.

## The Giver Job Assignments

Nurturer	Namer
Law	Landscape Worker Speaker
Recreation Director	Laborer
Director of the Threes	Doctor
Director of The Fours	Engineer
Director of the Fives (So on, so on...)	Rehabilitation Director
Caretaker of the Elders	Food Production
Fish Hatchery Person	Security guards
Judge Receptionist	Collection Crews
Food Delivery	Sanitation Laborers
The Receiver of Memory	Chief Elder
The Giver	Childcare Specialist
Street Cleaner	Law and Justice
Pilot	Department of Bicycle Repair
Scout Pilot	
Landscape Worker Speaker	
Dept. of Justice	

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**The Giver**  
**Job Assignment Activity**

**Directions:** From the perspective of the Committee of Elders, you will think about the most appropriate “Assignment” to give to the student whose name you draw. You will think about the most appropriate Assignment based primarily on strengths you have observed, but also any challenges. You will select an Assignment from the attached list. Keep in mind that this will be a lifelong assignment, so choose wisely!

Base your decision on what you already know plus what you learn during your observations this week. Remember, the Assignment must remain secret until the Ceremony later this week.

**Fill in the chart below with at least 3 characteristics, and at least one from each side of the chart. Be sure to answer the follow up questions below the chart.**

Strengths	Challenges

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Selected Assignment:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reasoning for Assignment:** (Must include discussion of their strengths and challenges in paragraph format.)

## **The Giver Job Assignment**

### **Jobs List**

These Assignments are listed in order of appearance in the story. Please check the page listed in parentheses if you need to find out more about the job.

- Pilot (1)
- Street Cleaners (2)
- Landscape Workers (2)
- Food Delivery Workers (2)
- Pilot-in-training (2)
- Instructor (3)
- Nurturer (7)
- Night Crew Nurturer (8)
- Receiver of Memory (14 & 60)
- Committee of Elders (15)
- Laborers (16)
- Doctor (16)
- Engineer (16)
- Speaker (22)
- Recreation Director (23)
- Rehabilitation Director (26)
- Caretaker (29)
- Planning Committee Member (32)
- Security Guard (34)
- Chief Elder (51)
- Fish Hatchery Attendant (52)
- Childcare Specialist (54)
- Assistant Director of Recreation (56)
- Law and Justice (56)
- Maintenance Crew (72)
- Department of Bicycle Repair (73)
- Gardening Crew (99)
- Delivery Crew (106)
- Storyteller (137)
- Path Maintenance Crew (158)

**Take a job interest quiz:** <http://www.whodouwant2b.com/quiz/>

**Match a career with your area of interest:**

[http://mappingyourfuture.org/planyourcareer/careership/match\\_career.cfm](http://mappingyourfuture.org/planyourcareer/careership/match_career.cfm)

**Check out this website to see what jobs you might be interested in:**

<http://www.bls.gov/k12/students.htm>

Name

# The Giver

## Your Job Assignment

**Now that you have your Assignment this is what you must train to be. Answer the following questions about your “Assignment” in COMPLETE sentences.**

- 1. What is your job**
  - 2. Do you think you would be well suited for this job? Why or why not?**
  - 3. What would be the worst thing about having this job?**
  - 4. What would be the best thing about having this job?**
  - 5. How do you feel about having this job for the rest of your life? Respond in a paragraph or more.**

Non-Fiction Reading Activity for *The Giver*: Are Utopias Possible?

<b>Objective:</b> I can identify and understand main ideas in a text in order to draw new conclusions.
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Student exceeds minimums of detail, analysis, or connections to show critical comprehension of text(s).	Based on summary, comparison, and text-based conclusions, student comprehends nonfiction text(s).	Student does not fully or consistently answer questions in a way that demonstrates comprehension.	Student work does not show evidence of text comprehension.

Jonas's community lives by strict sets of rules in an attempt to avoid pain and conflict. However, these limits come at a cost: knowledge, emotion, color, and love are abandoned. As a result, Jonas begins to question his freedom and craves a different life for himself and his loved ones.

The Council of Elders is not the first body of leaders to attempt a utopia on earth. Groups have been seceding, immigrating, and separating from governments all over the world for many years. (Some would even argue that the United States and democracy in general are utopian experiments.) Today, we will read about these utopias to ask whether or not utopias are possible. Complete each step of this activity to develop a critical understanding of utopias!

## Step 1: Read &amp; Comprehend Your Article

Article Title	Summary of Ideas	Text-Specific Question
1. <a href="#"><u>The Seeds of Their Own Destruction</u></a>		What does the article suggest about the relationship between rules and productivity?
2. <a href="#"><u>The Amish Lifestyle</u></a>		What is the relationship between their beliefs and their rules?
3. <a href="#"><u>4 Utopian Communities that Didn't Pan Out</u></a>		Why didn't (most of) these communities work out?
4. <a href="#"><u>Want to Escape the Modern World? 9 'Utopias' That Really Exist</u></a>		Why do you think a majority of these communities are isolated?

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## Resource 3.7

5. <a href="#"><u>Austin's Utopian Homeless Village is Becoming a Reality</u></a>		What is the goal of the village? Will they succeed in achieving it?
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Step 2: Fill in the Blanks with Classmates! Get the answers to the other rows from your peers.

Step 3: Compare, Contrast, and Draw Conclusions

Question	Answer	Source (Article #)
Why did most of these utopias start?		
What lifestyle characteristics do most of them have in common?		
What were the characteristics of the comparatively successful ones?		
What were the characteristics of the unsuccessful ones?		
What specific problems caused the unsuccessful ones to fail?		

#### Step 4: Synthesize Information and Form an Opinion

1. Do you believe that it is possible for a utopian society to successfully form and endure over time? Explain your answer fully, referencing at LEAST one article.
  2. Some argue that because humans are imperfect, any attempt at perfection on earth will fail. State whether or not you agree with this statement, and why.
  3. Clearly, we believe that the community in The Giver is a dystopia, due to the lack of knowledge and freedoms. However, by most standards, it is still functioning, the needs of people are being met, and it has lasted over time. Is Jonas's community a successful utopia, or not?

## “Why Utopias Fail”

[http://www.forbes.com/2008/04/10/why-utopias-fail-oped-utopia08-cx\\_mh\\_0410hodak.html](http://www.forbes.com/2008/04/10/why-utopias-fail-oped-utopia08-cx_mh_0410hodak.html)

Paradise once existed, so we’re told, in Eden, Arcadia or Shambhala. Paradise will again be ours in the afterlife if we reach Heaven, Valhalla or the Happy Hunting Grounds. Unfortunately, paradise in the present has always been elusive. Not for lack of trying. Utopian experiments have been attempted at every step in the march of civilization. Why haven’t any of them succeeded?

For one thing, the bar is constantly being raised. Life in a modest American town today would have been the envy of the Middle Ages. But such a community, with its technology, infrastructure or freedoms, could never have come into being in the Middle Ages; and if it somehow magically appeared, it would have promptly been sacked. For most of history, this raised a significant obstacle to utopia. Any land of milk and honey automatically attracted swords and muskets.

The New World changed that. Small groups could organize civilized communities based on any peculiar theory, with little concern for conquering hordes. All they had to do was be economically and socially viable. This new opportunity spawned a flood of utopian experiments, beginning with the first colonists.

Most schoolchildren know that the Mayflower pilgrims came to America to escape the persecution they encountered in Europe. A more obscure fact was that the Plymouth Colony was originally organized as a communal society, with an equal sharing of the fruits of everyone’s labor. At least, that was the plan. Their governor, William Bradford, documented how this degenerated over the next two years into “injustice,” “indignity” and “a kind of slavery.” Productivity was shot, and the community starved. Bradford wisely placed the blame not on the flaws of his people, but on the system their society had chosen. They abandoned communal ownership and, lo and behold, the fields sprouted with life. As Bradford writes:

“They had very good success, for it made all hands very industrious, so as much more corn was planted than otherwise would have been. The women now went willingly into the field, and took their little ones with them to set corn. … By this time harvest was come, and instead of famine, now God gave them plenty, and the faces of things were changed, to the rejoicing of the hearts of many.”

Hundreds of utopian experiments followed Plymouth—religious and secular, communist and individualistic, radical and moderate. But all had to make impossible sacrifices in the service of their ideals. The Shakers and Harmonists were very successful economically, and bound tightly in a common spirituality. However, their way of keeping a lid on worldly desires was to practice celibacy. Now, anyone who has raised children knows what a resource drain they can be, and would not be surprised that communities without offspring could get ahead financially. Nevertheless, the celibate life had only so much appeal, and these sects eventually died off.

Many religious societies declined or disbanded after the loss of their founder. Others, such as the Perfectionists of Oneida who practiced group marriage, or the entrepreneurial Inspirationists at

Amana, eventually gave up communal living, spun off their commercial interests and began assimilating into the surrounding communities.

Secular societies fared even worse, many of them repeating the lessons of Plymouth. Josiah Warren, a member of the celebrated New Harmony commune that collapsed under collectivist strains, went on to found societies based on a decidedly more individualistic premise, including utopia in Ohio and Modern Times on Long Island. While economically successful, boundaries between the true believers and their neighbors dissolved over time. Today, the hamlet of Brentwood, N.Y., where Modern Times used to be, looks like the rest of its Long Island surroundings—pleasant enough, but no utopia.

The long series of failed experiments yields some interesting lessons. The first is that internal power grabs are even more poisonous to utopian dreams than external threats. The gold standard of utopian leadership, the benevolent prince or philosopher king, is inherently unstable. Solomon, Marcus Aurelius and Suleiman the Magnificent failed utterly to provide successors with anything like their talents.

The competition for succession invariably favors not the wise, but the ruthless. This is especially dangerous in communistic societies. Where selfishness is a sin or a crime, everyone is guilty; you don't want your antagonists gaining the authority to sit in judgment. Democracy provides a more stable succession mechanism, but it is inherently factionalist. Even in Mormon Utah, a utopian experiment that fared better than most, there are factions out of power who are unhappy with things.

A second lesson is that ideals are constraints, and the more constraints one tries to impose, the less viable the community will be. It's hard enough for a private company—an organization focused *exclusively* on economic success—to survive intact for multiple generations. Add to that special utopian claims on the firm by the employees and you can see how tough the odds are. The best bet is to run utopia as a business, which is exactly what many communities concluded.

Finally, if you're going to suppress your members' worldly desires, you need a mechanism for self-selection. Several religious sects, like the Old Order Amish, have successfully stifled material interests over multiple generations. Their people are happy because they don't require much stuff. But they know that everyone can't be kept in the fold. Anabaptist communities who believe that only adults can be meaningfully baptized provide this safety valve. The 10% of Amish who don't stay allow the other 90% to maintain their culture.

While many people believe that utopias are doomed to failure because of human nature, it's much more useful to approach utopia as the ultimate governance challenge. The U.S., itself, was a far more successful experiment because of that approach, expressed in James Madison's view that, "If men were angels, no government would be necessary."

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# The Amish Lifestyle

<http://www.amishcountry.org/explore-the-area/area-history/the-amish-lifestyle/>

## The Amish Lifestyle

**Simplicity, a Way of Life** — A faith that dictates foregoing modern amenities, including electricity, automobiles and telephones, guides the Amish. This simple way of life is derived from teachings in the Bible and the Amish desire for an autonomous community.

**Military Service** — Following the biblical teaching of “love thy neighbor,” the Amish faith forbids violence and active military service.

**Amish and Mennonite** — As offshoots of the Anabaptist faith, the Amish and Mennonite groups are closely related. In general, Mennonites condone a more liberal lifestyle, which includes some modern amenities such as electricity and automobiles.

**Amish Attire** — The Amish dress simply with only basic ornamentation. Men’s trousers use buttons rather than zippers. Amish women sew their family’s clothing from solid-color fabric, often in shades of blue. Young girls can wear pastel-colored dresses and, like Amish women, wear bonnets. Adult men can grow beards, but no mustaches (a centuries-old prohibition traced to mustached men in the European military). Only married Amish women wear aprons, and they can wear white aprons for church services.

**Photography** — All forms and methods of photography are strictly forbidden. The Amish can’t pose for photographs nor use cameras to capture images. The Amish believe photographs lead to pride, which threatens the importance of the “community” by emphasizing individualism and calling attention to individuals.

**Education** — Formal education ends with the eighth grade. After that, Amish boys begin an apprenticeship to learn a trade; girls learn the skills necessary to maintain a home.

**Work** — The Amish are adept farmers, and the majority of Northern Indiana’s Amish live on farms. Today, however, few Amish men are full-time farmers. To support their large families, most work in factories, artisan workshops or cottage businesses. Adolescent Amish girls and women often work in retail businesses or restaurants.

**Home and Family** — The home is the center of Amish life. Amish families host every event and gathering in their homes, from church services to funerals and weddings. Generally, Amish homes are uncluttered and furnished simply. Amish women take pride in their housekeeping, cooking and providing clothes and the staples of everyday life for their families. Many Amish homes include additions or small detached dwellings called dawdy houses, where family members such as grandparents live. In summer and fall, bountiful vegetable and flower gardens add splashes of color to the usually white buildings on Amish farmsteads.

**Courtship and Marriage** — When Amish boys turn 16, they receive a courting buggy for transportation to chaperoned social gatherings, where courtships often begin. During courtship, Amish boys escort eligible girls to church services, singing programs and other Amish events. Couples marry for life, and weddings often are major celebrations, including up to 500 guests. The Amish wedding day begins at 9 a.m. with the singing of hymns. A full sermon and the exchange of marriage vows follow. The wedding day concludes with a huge potluck meal.

**Taxes and Insurance** — The Amish pay state, federal and county taxes. Typically, they refuse Social Security benefits. Their faith dictates that the Amish community cares for its elderly. This self-supporting principle also eliminates the need for health insurance.

**Healthcare** — While Amish families often try alternative treatments, they will seek the services of doctors and modern hospitals when necessary.

**Population Trends** — Northern Indiana's Amish population doubles about every 20 years, primarily due to the large size of Amish families, which often include 10 or more children.

# 4 Utopian Communities That Didn't Pan Out

<http://mentalfloss.com/article/23297/4-utopian-communities-didnt-pan-out>

Every once in a while, a proud little community will sprout up just to let the world know how Utopia should be run. With chins raised almost as high as ideals, the community marches forth to be an example of perfection. But in most cases, all that harmonious marching gets tripped up pretty quickly. Here are four "perfect" communities that whizzed and sputtered thanks to human nature.

## **1. Brook Farm (or, Ripley's Follow Me or Not)**

Perhaps the best-known utopian community in America, Brook Farm was founded in 1841 in West Roxbury, Massachusetts, by George and Sophia Ripley. The commune was built on a 200-acre farm with four buildings and centered on the ideals of radical social reform and self-reliance. For free tuition in the community school and one year's worth of room and board, the residents were asked to complete 300 days of labor by either farming, working in the manufacturing shops, performing domestic chores or grounds maintenance, or planning the community's recreation projects. The community prospered in 1842–1843 and was visited by numerous dignitaries and utopian writers.

**However, Ripley joined the unpopular Fourierism movement, which meant that soon the young people (out of a "sense of honor") o o e r or e re r ro s cleaning stables, and slaughtering the animals.** This caused many residents, especially the younger ones, to leave. Things went downhill from there. The community was hit by an outbreak of smallpox followed by fire and finally collapsed in 1847.

## **2. Fruitlands: A Utopian Community (for Six Months Anyway)**

After visiting Brook Farm and finding it almost too worldly by their standards, Bronson Alcott (the father of Louisa May) and Charles Lane founded the Fruitlands Commune in June 1843, in Harvard, Massachusetts.

Structured around the British reformist model, the commune's members were against the ownership of property, were political anarchists, believed in free love, and were vegetarians. **The group of 11 adults and a small number of children were forbidden to eat meat or use any animal products such as honey, wool, beeswax, or manure. They were also not allowed to use animals for labor and only planted produce that grew up out of the soil so as not to disturb worms and other organisms living in the soil.**

Many in the group of residents saw manual labor as spiritually inhibiting and soon it became evident that the commune could not provide enough food to sustain its members. The strict diet of grains and fruits left many in the group malnourished and sick. Given this situation, many of the members left and the community collapsed in January 1844.

### 3. The Shakers

Officially known as the United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing, the Shakers were founded in Manchester, England, in 1747. As a group of dissenting Quakers under the charismatic leadership of Mother Ann Lee, the Shakers came to America in 1774.

Like most reformist movements of the time, the Shakers were agriculturally based, and believed in common ownership of all property and the confession of sins. Unlike most of the other groups, the Shakers practiced celibacy, or the lack of procreation. Membership came via converts or by adopting children. Shaker families consisted of "brothers" and "sisters" who lived in gender-segregated communal homes of up to 100 individuals. **During the required Sunday community meetings it was not uncommon for members to break into a spontaneous dance, thus giving them the Shaker label.**

As pacifists they were exempted from military service and became the United States' first conscientious objectors during the Civil War. Currently, however, there isn't a whole lot of Shaking going on. As the younger members left the community, converts quit coming, and the older ones died off, many of the communities were forced to close. Of the original 19 communities, most had closed by the early 1900s.

### 4. Pullman's Capitalist Utopia

Located 15 miles south of Chicago, the town of Pullman was founded in the 1880s by George Pullman (of luxury railway car fame) as a utopian community based on the notion that capitalism was the best way to meet all material and spiritual needs. **According to Pullman's creed, the community was built to provide Pullman's employees with a place where they could exercise proper moral values and where each resident had to adhere to the strict tenets of capitalism under the direction and leadership of Pullman.** The community was run on a for-profit basis—the town had to return a profit of 7% annually. This was done by giving the employees two paychecks, one for rent, which was automatically turned back in to Pullman, and one for everything else. Interestingly, the utopian community had very rigid social class barriers, with the management and skilled workers living in stately homes and the unskilled laborers living in tenements. The experiment lasted longer than many of the other settlements, but ultimately failed. Pullman began demanding more and more rent to offset company losses, while union sentiment grew among the employee residents.

## Want To Escape The Modern World? 9 'Utopias' That Really Exist

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/08/21/utopias\\_n\\_3768023.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/08/21/utopias_n_3768023.html)

The idea of the "utopian" community has a long, storied history (and a largely unsuccessful one at that), from the fictional island dreamed up by Sir Thomas More to present-day attempts to build the perfect urban ecosystem. And even though the perfect society has eluded us, that hasn't stopped people from trying. Seekers attempting to leave behind the conventions and restrictions of traditional society have created self-sustaining communities ranging from groups of tofu-making hippies in rural Virginia to expatriates living in treehouses in the Costa Rican rainforest (and yes, there is a community called Yogaville).

"The criticism of utopia is that it's impossible to achieve perfection, so why try?" J.C. Hallman, author of "In Utopia," [told Salon in 2010](#). "But the impossibility of perfection does not absolve us from the path of pursuing a more perfect union."

Is it just cities people are trying to escape? Fed up with society as it is? **Check out these nine fascinating case studies in alternative modes of living, spanning from the Arizona Desert to the Korean coast.**

In 1971, a group of 300 flower children and free-thinkers left San Francisco to blaze a trail out east, settling in rural Tennessee to become the founders of what is now America's oldest hippie commune.

[The Farm](#), located just outside Summertown, Tennessee, is still around to this day, and was the subject of the 2012 documentary "American Commune." Now composed of roughly 200 members, the vegetarian intentional community was founded on -- and still lives by -- their core values of nonviolence and respect for the environment.

Green Bank, West Virginia is a safe haven away from the reach of technology where the "electrosensitive" can come to escape the digital world. The small town is located in a U.S. National Radio Quiet Zone, a 13,000-square-mile area where electromagnetic radiation (yes, that includes WiFi and cell phone signals) is banned so as not to disturb the National Radio Astronomy Observatory. About 150 people have moved to Green Bank and created a community for the precise purpose of escaping radiation, which they believe is harmful to their health.

### The Farm, Lewis County, Tennessee



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### Green Bank, West Virginia



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"Life isn't perfect here. There's no grocery store, no restaurants, no hospital nearby," [a resident of the town recently told Slate](#). "But here, at least, I'm healthy. I can do things. I'm not in bed with a headache all the time."

### Arcosanti, Arizona



ecology.

The "urban laboratory" that is Arcosanti was first created in the 1970s in the Arizona desert 70 miles north of Phoenix as a social experiment of sorts, and it's still standing to this day. Citizens of Arcosanti collaborate in creating and selling their signature product, ceramic and bronze wind bells, [according to The New York Times](#).

The roughly 50 inhabitants of the community ("arconauts") continue living out founder Paolo Soleri's idea of "arcology" -- architecture fused with

### Finca Bellavista Sustainable Treehouse Community, Costa Rica



Finca Bellavista is probably the closest that real life can get to Swiss Family Robinson. The sustainable treehouse community is comprised of more than 25 elevated structures, as well as a base camp community center, located deep in the Costa Rica rainforest more than a mile and a half from the nearest town. Its typical resident is a laid-back, environmentally conscious American

expatriate, [according to founders Erica and Matt Hogan](#), who started building Finca in 2006.

"In general, people [who live here] want a simpler lifestyle," [Hogan told Business Insider](#). "They want a life less ordinary. They're usually very green, environmentally-conscious and want to live off the grid."

### Twin Oaks, Virginia



Founded in 1967, the intentional community of Twin Oaks is one of the most successful of that era. The small commune is situated on 450 acres of land in Louisa, Virginia and is famous for its tofu. Approximately 100 residents live in the community now, which consists of seven group houses along with a gathering area, swimming hole, graveyard, soy production facility, several greenhouses, and more.

"Of the thousands of similar communal experiments forged throughout the '60s and '70s, Twin Oaks is one of only a handful to have survived," [Cluster Magazine wrote in a recent profile](#), "as other utopian experiments collapsed under the pressure of self-sustainability and interpersonal drama."

## New Songdo City, Korea



Whereas most of these communities are a throwback to a simpler time, New Songdo City on the South Korean coast is an ambitious new community project that couldn't be more futuristic-looking. Scheduled for completion in 2015, New Songdo will be located on Incheon Bay, and will include city-wide WiFi integration and will be highly environmentally friendly. The city will be built from scratch, like Dubai or Abu Dhabi.

"They're promising full technological integration," Hallman [told Salon](#). "Lamps and tables and cars and everything will be computerized and on a network. You won't even need a BlackBerry or a laptop."

## Yogaville, Buckingham, Virginia



Virginia's [Satchidananda Ashram](#) and the surrounding community is known as Yogaville, a space where people of diverse backgrounds have come together to live the yogic lifestyle. The holistic community was founded by Sri Swami Satchidananda, a spiritual leader who aspired to share his message of peace with like-minded others.

As the community's website [describes itself](#), "We came from various places. We have various tastes, various temperaments, various faces, various beliefs, but we are living here as one family, helping each other."

## The Ecovillage at Ithaca, New York



Created in 1996, [Ithaca's Ecovillage](#) is a sustainable intentional community and education center which describes itself as an "alternative model for suburban living which provides a satisfying, healthy, socially rich lifestyle, while minimizing ecological impact." It currently has two 30-home co-housing neighborhoods, named "Frog" and "Song," with plans to build a third (the forthcoming "Tree"), as well as community gardens and organic farms.

## Polestar Yoga Community, Big Island, Hawaii



A cooperative yoga and meditation community located on Hawaii's Big Island around 30 miles south of the city of Hilo, Polestar was founded on the teachings of Paramhansa Yogananda, author of the best-selling 1946 spiritual manifesto ["Autobiography of a Yogi."](#) The community lives by its core value of karma yoga (selfless service) and [essential purpose](#) of "deepening the spirit."

Polestar consists of a small core community of permanent residents, but also welcomes guests to visit and stay on its 20 beautiful acres, enjoying the yoga temple, spiritual library, orchards and organic gardens. One guest [described](#) it as "a strong environment for spiritual transformation."

## Austin's Utopian Homeless Village Is Becoming A Reality

Austin's 27-acre [Community First Village](#) will eventually house 250 formerly homeless and disabled people. Can they build a real "hobo's paradise"?

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[Summer Anne Burton](#)

Mobile Loaves & Fishes, a social justice ministry, has [been planning](#) their new homeless community in on 27 acres in East Austin.



The village is still being built right now, but even just the development feels like a sunny mini paradise, hiding right off the road on the east side of Austin, Texas.

**The new community will feature homes — RVs, tiny cabins, and teepees — for 250 formerly homeless for rent as low as \$90.**

Nate Schlueter, the director of the organization's ROADS Micro-Enterprise program, explained that paying your rent is the first rule of the community. Community First isn't just a "housing project," it's a "[homing project](#)," and central to that is the sense of real ownership the community will have by being financially responsible for their homes. But Mobile Loaves & Fishes will help the community find ways to pay that rent and earn extra money, through employment opportunities both on-site and off and help with applying for disability benefits.



**Ellis was homeless for six years before January, when he moved into his own RV with the help of the organization. He plans to move the RV to the Community First Village as soon as residents can move in.**

He's already working on the land, doing gardening and maintenance projects. He explained that when he was homeless, his full-time job was "[getting food, staying warm, and staying away from the police](#)." Now, he works five days a week at the village and on other

projects, and around 45 friends attended his housewarming party in January.

**The community will also home a permaculture food forest and gardens, chickens, goats, rabbits, a woodworking and RV repair workshop, a bed and breakfast, outdoor cooking areas, a pond full of catfish, and an outdoor movie screen for community gatherings.**



Heidi Sloan, the director of the program's Animal Husbandry Program, says caring for animals helps people learn to be givers. They didn't want the work of tending to the dozens of chickens on site, to feel like drudgery, so **the chicken pen and coop is cheerful, colorful, and bright**. The coop was built by a group of women and girls from the National Charity League, who worked with a crew of homeless future residents to paint and personalize the space.

Sloan's goal is to make their chicken coop part of Austin's [Funky Chicken Coop Tour](#).

**Even the tools at the development site are brightly painted and happy looking.**



When asked whether the project would be able to sustain enthusiasm years after opening, the Mobile Loaves & Fishes staff remarked that **"when you build beautiful environments, people want to be there and it's sustainable."** One of the goals of the community is to make it an enviably delightful place by any standard, not just "nice for a homeless shelter." Some of the staff is even planning on living on site, and it's easy to see the appeal when you're surrounded by gardens, clucking chickens, and sunny tiny homes.

**The homes at the village include mobile homes, tiny houses (the frames are shipped from Poland and can supposedly be built in around 8 hours!), and tents.**



This mobile home is decked out as a demonstration. This would house a single homeless person and cost \$325, a month. But the program includes ample employment opportunities — for example, **there will be fruit trees lining the property and that harvest could be used to make jams and jellies that could be sold at local farmer's markets.**

**The plan is also for the village to be a gathering place for Austin's wider community to come together and form relationships with the chronically homeless.**

The group is already having Saturday morning volunteer breakfasts. Their cook, Dennis, recently lived in an apartment, but moved back into a creek bed near the property because **he missed his connection to nature**. He hopes to move into the village once it is open. He now cooks for a group of volunteers and homeless on the weekends, and sometimes the group invites bands to come out and play as well.

**The community is already getting involved — there are several Eagle Scout projects on the site including this Thai jar rainwater collection tank.**



And a giant chessboard! The group hopes to empower volunteers to make real connections with the chronically homeless, who don't often have friendships outside the homeless community. **At the community farm, volunteers will be taught and led by formerly homeless staffers.** Recently, one homeless work led a third grade field trip on a tour through the site.

On the other hand, the community itself will be gated and require registration. As Schlueter explained, the homeless are much more vulnerable to violent crime than they are likely to perpetrate it, and

he said there was a palatable sense of relief in the community when it was explained that they would be protected at the village.

**There is also a memorial garden being built on the site to remember members of the community that have died.**



Schlueter explained that while the homeless community is tight-knit on the street, often when someone dies they are denied closure. Families often get involved for the first time in years and the memorial services and grave sites aren't reachable for homeless friends. **This garden will provide a place to mourn and remember.**

Larry Williams was a vibrant and beloved part of the Mobile Loaves & Fishes homeless community. **He wanted to be the first resident of the Community First Village, and in his way he was.** He passed away in November 2013, but this memorial tribute to him will have a permanent place on the site.

**The song “Big Rock Candy Mountain” describes a “hobo paradise” where “hens lay soft-boiled eggs” and “the farmers’ trees are full of fruit.”**

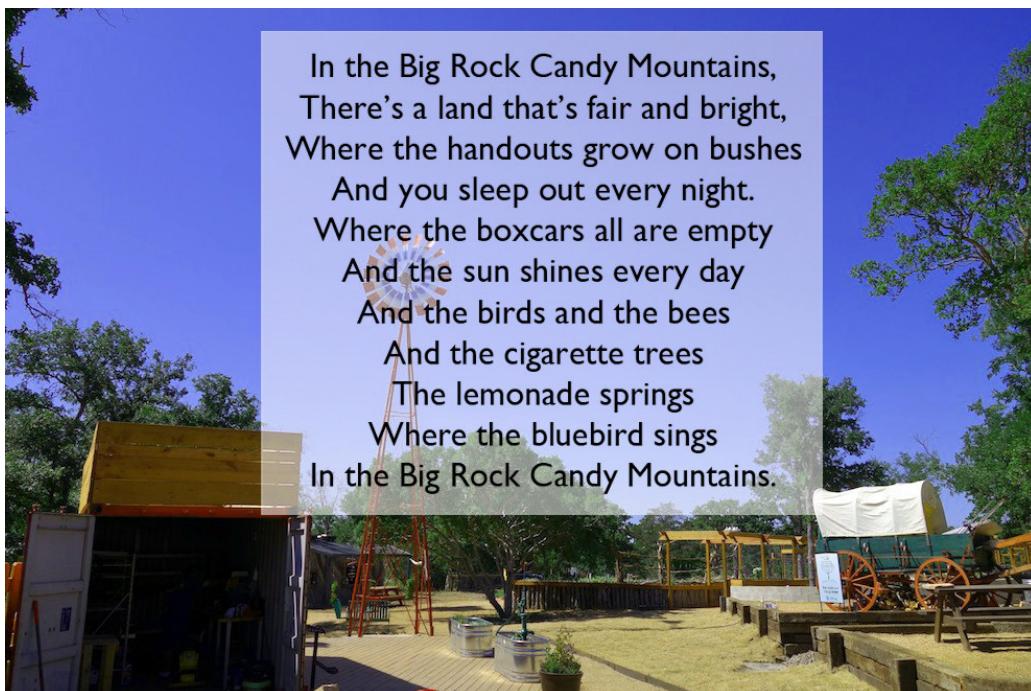


The song also describes streams of whiskey and cigarette trees, but it still feels like an apt metaphor for what Mobile Loaves & Fishes is trying to do. I showed up to the village with a lot of questions — would it be accessible to downtown Austin? Yes, there's a bus stop nearby and the city is considering moving the stop to the entrance. Would enthusiasm be sustainable? They believe that the combination of community gathering,

employment opportunities, and permaculture gardens will make this a place that people want to be for years to come. Will the homeless be happy and want to stay there? It's true that sometimes the chronically homeless "choose" homelessness despite receiving disability or having enough employment to qualify for low-income housing. However, often the reason they find themselves gravitating back to the streets is due to the closeness to the land and the community they have there. Community First Village is emphasizing those qualities in their development rather than focusing solely on getting a roof over people's heads.

Most importantly: **Could they have dogs? Yes, as long as they aren't huge.**

The village just doesn't feel like it's a shelter for tragic people of some other class. It would be an incredibly lovely home for *anyone*, and many of the community's principles are ones we could all use more of: living sustainably, and close to nature and animals, and spending time with those you love.



1. Read the article independently.
2. Reread the article and annotate.
  - \* = Key Idea, Main Point ! = Surprising ? = Confusing parts; Questions
  - o = Connection
4. Complete the extended response at the end.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

## Let Teen-Agers Try Adulthood

By Leon Botstein

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The national outpouring after the Littleton shootings has forced us to confront something we have suspected for a long time: the American high school is obsolete and should be abolished. In the last month, high school students present and past have come forward with stories about cliques and the artificial intensity of a world defined by insiders and outsiders, in which the insiders hold sway because of superficial definitions of good looks and attractiveness, popularity and sports prowess. Individuality and dissent are discouraged.

But the rules of high school turn out not to be the rules of life. Often the high school outsider becomes the more successful and admired adult. The definitions of masculinity and femininity go through sufficient transformation to make the game of popularity in high school an embarrassment. No other group of adults young or old is confined to an age-segregated environment, much like a gang in which individuals of the same age group define each other's world. In no workplace, not even in colleges or universities, is there such a narrow segmentation by chronology.

Given the poor quality of recruitment and training for high school teachers, it is no wonder that the curriculum and the enterprise of learning hold so little sway over young people.

By the time those who graduate from high school go on to college and realize what really is at stake in becoming an adult, too many opportunities have been lost and too much time has been wasted. Most thoughtful young people suffer the high school environment in silence and in their junior and senior years mark time waiting for college to begin. The Littleton killers, above and beyond the psychological demons that drove them to violence, felt trapped in the artificiality of the high school world and believed it to be real. They engineered their moment of undivided attention and importance in the absence of any confidence that life after high school could have a different meaning.

Adults should face the fact that they don't like adolescents and that they have used high school to isolate the hormonally active adolescent away from both the picture-book idealized innocence of childhood and the more accountable world of adulthood. But the primary reason high school doesn't work anymore, if it ever did, is that young people mature substantially earlier in the late 20th century than they did when the high school was invented. For example, the age of first menstruation has dropped at least two years since the beginning of this century, and not surprisingly, the onset of sexual activity has dropped in proportion. An institution intended for children in transition now holds young adults back well beyond the developmental point for which high school was originally designed.

Furthermore, whatever constraints to the presumption of adulthood among young people may have existed decades ago have now fallen away. Information and images, as well as the real and virtual freedom of movement we associate with adulthood, are now accessible to every 15- and 16-year-old.

Secondary education must be rethought. Elementary school should begin at age 4 or 5 and end with the sixth grade. We should entirely abandon the concept of the middle school and junior high school. Beginning with the seventh grade, there should be four years of secondary education that we may call high school. Young people should graduate at 16 rather than 18.

They could then enter the real world, the world of work or national service, in which they would take a place of responsibility alongside older adults in mixed company. They could stay at home and attend junior college, or they

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### Resource 3.8- Let Teen-agers Try Adulthood

could go away to college. For all the faults of college, at least the adults who dominate the world of colleges, the faculty, were selected precisely because they were exceptional and different, not because they were popular. Despite the often cavalier attitude toward teaching in college, at least physicists know their physics, mathematicians know and love their mathematics, and music is taught by musicians.

For those 16-year-olds who do not want to do any of the above, we might construct new kinds of institutions, each dedicated to one activity, from science to dance, to which adolescents could devote their energies while working together with professionals in those fields.

At 16, young Americans are prepared to be taken seriously and to develop the motivations and interests that will serve them well in adult life. They need to enter a world where they are not in a lunchroom with only their peers, estranged from other age groups and cut off from the game of life as it is really played. There is nothing utopian about this idea; it is immensely practical and efficient, and its implementation is long overdue. We need to face biological and cultural facts and not prolong the life of a flawed institution that is out of date.

*Leon Botstein, the president of Bard College, is the author of "Jefferson's Children: Education and the Promise of American Culture."*

**Extended Response Question:** How do you feel about the concept of age in relationship to maturity, responsibility, and growing up? (Are children maturing and becoming more responsible at a younger age?) The writer of this article seems to feel very strongly about what our nation should do to change the way we treat adolescence or "childhood" versus "adulthood" and the concept of keeping children in school versus entering the workforce. How are this writer's opinions similar to the ways in which Jonas's world works? Explain in paragraph format.

**Teacher:**

<b>Unit:</b> <i>The Giver</i> <b>Lesson #:</b> 4	<b>Grade Level/Course:</b> 8th/ELA	<b>Duration:</b> 4-6 weeks <b>Date:</b>
<b>Big Idea:</b> Societal structure has the power to promote or limit freedom, choice, and desire.		
<b>Essential Questions:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How can societal rules help or hurt us?</li> <li>2. How can society balance individualism with responsibility to community?</li> <li>3. Think of our current society – what aspects of utopias and dystopias do we have?</li> <li>4. When should one conform to the wishes or rules of others?</li> <li>5. What are the consequences for a society when people have choices? / How is society impacted by personal choices? / How do personal choices impact a society?</li> </ol>		
<b>Common Core and Content Standards</b>	<p><b>Content Standards:</b></p> <p>RL.8.1. Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text</p> <p>RL8.4 Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, including the figurative and connotative meanings; analyze the impact of specific word choices on meaning and tone, including analogies or allusions to other texts.</p> <p>RI.8.3 Analyze how a text makes connections</p> <p>RI.8.6. Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints.</p> <p>W.8.1. Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.</p> <p>SL.8.1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.</li> <li>b. Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.</li> <li>c. Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.</li> </ol>	
<b>Materials/ Resources/ Lesson Preparation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vocabulary Notebook</li> <li>- <i>The Giver</i> novel for each student</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dialectical Journal</li> <li>- Community Life Schedule</li> <li>- Canvas Discussion Board (sausd.instructure.com user: full email password: Aeries default)</li> <li>- Google Slide Presentations (chapter summaries- group)</li> <li>-Philosophical Chairs Activity Assignment</li> <li>-Precision of Language Activity</li> <li>-Group Summaries</li> </ul>			
<b>Objectives</b>	<p><b>Content:</b> Students will understand the meaning of select academic vocabulary words by completing a vocabulary notebook.</p> <p>Students will reflect and respond to <i>Text Dependent Questions</i> using on-line chats in Canvas.</p> <p>Students will analyze the text by answering <i>Text Dependent Questions</i>.</p> <p><b>Language:</b> Students will use standard English while composing and responding to Discussion Board posts on Canvas.</p> <p>Students will use academic and content vocabulary to respond in writing.</p>			
<b>Depth of Knowledge Level</b>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Level 1: Recall</b>   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Level 2: Skill/Concept</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Level 3: Strategic Thinking</b>   <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Level 4: Extended Thinking</b></p>			
<b>College and Career Ready Skills</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Building strong content knowledge</li> <li>-Valuing evidence audience, task, purpose, and discipline</li> <li>-Comprehending as well as critiquing</li> <li>-Using technology and digital media strategically and capably</li> <li>- Coming to understand other perspectives and cultures</li> </ul>			
<b>Common Core Instructional Shifts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Building knowledge through content-rich nonfiction texts</li> <li>-Reading and writing grounded from text</li> <li>-Regular practice with complex text and its academic vocabulary</li> </ul>			
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<b>II &amp; Tier III)</b>		Utopian, Dystopian
<b>STUDENTS FIGURE OUT THE MEANING</b>	torrent, stench, irrational, assuage, admonition, vibrance, excruciating, carnage, mutilated	ominous, sinuous, relinquish, conveyance
<b>Pre-teaching Considerations</b>	Students should read chapters 11-17 before lesson. Students should be familiar with Dialectical Journal, Vocabulary Notebook, Philosophical Chairs discussion, Precision of Language Activity and Group Summary formats.	
<b>Lesson Delivery Comprehension</b>		
<b>Instructional Methods</b>	<b>Method(s) used in the lesson:</b> -Modeling   -Guided Practice   -Collaboration   - Independent Practice -Guided Inquiry   -Reflection	
<b><u>Lesson Overview</u></b>	<b>Preparing the Learner:</b> 1. Vocabulary Notebook <b>Interacting with the Text:</b> 1. Independent reading of Chapters 11-17 2. Group Summaries 3. Dialectical Journal 4. TDQ's Canvas Discussion Board (resource in lesson #2) 5. Precision of Language Activity <b>Extending Understanding:</b> 6. Philosophical Chairs Activity and Discussion	
<b>Preparing the Learner</b>	Students will use a Vocabulary Notebook (Resource 4.1) to record and learn new words from <i>The Giver</i> . This notebook will be used throughout Lessons 2 -5	

<b>Interacting with the Text</b>	<p><b>Dialectical Journal</b> (Resource 4.2) (ongoing in all lessons)*see Lesson #2 for explicit instructions</p> <p><b>Group Summaries</b> (Resource 4.3) (ongoing in all lessons)*see Lesson #2 for explicit instructions</p> <p><b>Community “Life Schedule” Activity</b> (Resource 2.2)(ongoing in all lessons)*see Lesson #2 for explicit instructions</p> <p><b>Philosophical Chairs-</b></p> <p><b>Step One</b>-Teacher will choose what statements will be discussed (options given in Resource 4.4). The statements are presented to students and students record if they agree or disagree with statements.</p> <p>Questions/Statements for Activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Jonas's world would be an easier one to live in than ours.</li> <li>● Jonas should try to escape to Elsewhere.</li> <li>● Fiona would make a good mate for Jonas.</li> <li>● The Giver is taking good care of Jonas and training him well.</li> <li>● In order to give citizens peace and safety, it would be okay to eliminate things like color, personal freedoms, and love.</li> </ul> <p><b>Step Two:</b> Students with opposing views on the issue sit facing each other across the center of the room. Students who do not have a position sit in the “neutral zone,” the bottom of the U formation.</p> <p><b>Step Three:</b> All students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Address each other by first names</li> <li>● Think before you speak. Organize your thoughts. Give verbal clues to you.</li> <li>● Listeners (“I have three points.”)</li> <li>● Address the ideas, not the person.</li> </ul>	<b>Differentiated Instruction:</b> <p><b>English Learners:</b> Students should be given full access to the resources for writing and be able to work together in order to answer the TDQ and activities for lesson. In addition, a link for the audio recording on YouTube allows students to listen to the text while they read.</p> <p><b>Students Who Need Additional Support:</b> A link for the audio recording on YouTube allows students to listen to the</p>
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<b>Extending Understanding</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Listen when others are speaking—don’t interrupt.</li> <li>● Move if your view changes based on the arguments you hear</li> </ul> <p><b>Step Four:</b> <i>Students on the sides of the U:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● One student will begin by explaining why he/she is taking the pro/con position. The conversation will then go back and forth from side to side. Keep in mind these rules:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Before beginning your own comments, you must briefly summarize the previous speaker’s points to that speaker’s satisfaction.</li> <li>● After you speak, you must wait until two other students on your side have spoken before you can speak again. Be sensitive and make sure all students on your side an argument have an opportunity to speak.</li> <li>● At the end of the discussion, one student from each team will summarize the viewpoints presented during the discussion by his/her team.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Step Five:</b> <i>Students in the neutral zone:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Students in the neutral zone must take notes on both sides of the argument. You can also ask questions during the discussion. At the end of the discussion, you will be asked to explain what arguments, if any, caused you to change your position.</li> </ul> <p>*Simple rubric and score sheet for student positions (Rubric and score sheet Resource 4.6)</p> <p><b>TDQ Canvas Discussion Board Activity</b></p> <p>*Suggested Text Dependent Questions are listed in (Resource 2.3)</p> <p><b>Precision of Language Activity/Connotation Chart</b></p> <p>-Students will complete the chart (Resource 4.5) with twelve pairs of words from the novel <i>The Giver</i> with similar definitions, but different connotations. Students will write the word of the pair with a positive or neutral connotation in the left-hand column and the other word of the pair with the negative connotation in the right-hand column.</p>	text while they read.	<b>Accelerated Learners:</b> In lieu of teacher giving statements, students can create a list of statements/topics for philosophical chairs activity.  <b>Special Education:</b> A link for the audio recording on YouTube allows students to listen to the text while they read. *Also refer to individual IEP.
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<b>Lesson Reflection</b>		
<b>Teacher Reflection Evidenced by Student Learning/ Outcomes</b>		

## Vocabulary Notebook: *The Giver*, Chapters 11-17

<i>Word &amp; Translation</i>	<i>Picture/Image</i>	<i>Definition</i>	<i>Source Sentence</i>	<i>Original Sentence</i>
skeptically			<p>She glanced down at the ragged comfort object and grinned.          “Right,” she said, <b>skeptically</b>.          “Sure, Jonas.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chapter 13</p>	
phenomenon			<p>“Then the moment on the stage, when he had looked out and seen the same <b>phenomenon</b> in the faces of the crowd...”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chapter 12</p>	
assimilated			<p>“It was chaos,” he said. “They really suffered for awhile. Finally it subsided as the memories were <b>assimilated</b>.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chapter 13</p>	
pervaded			<p>“But this time he fit right in and felt the happiness that <b>pervaded</b> the memory..”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chapter 16</p>	
obsolete			<p>“Your father means that you used a very generalized word, so meaningless that it’s almost become <b>obsolete</b>...”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chapter 16</p>	

Vocabulary Notebook: *The Giver*, Chapters 11-17

<i>Word &amp; Translation</i>	<i>Picture/Image</i>	<i>Definition</i>	<i>Source Sentence</i>	<i>Original Sentence</i>

# **Dialectical Journal**

## *The Giver*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapters: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Complete this reader response log while reading ***The Giver*** (both in class and while you read independently). This format will guide you through the reading & thinking process to help develop your ideas and express them on paper so that you can better participate in the discussion board with your team.

**Big Idea:** Societal structure has the power to promote or limit freedom, choice, and desire.

**Essential Questions:** 1. How can societal rules help or hurt us? 2. How can a society balance individualism with responsibility to community? 3. Think of our current society – what aspects of utopias and dystopias do we have? 4. When should one conform to the wishes or rules of others? 5. How do personal choices impact a society?



**Google Slide Summary Worksheet****Chapter # and Title:** \_\_\_\_\_**Significant Events:**1) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_2) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_3) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_4) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_5) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_**Quotation Analysis from Dialectical Journal**

Chapter & Page	Quote chosen:	Analysis:

**Notes for presentation:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Philosophical Chairs: Directions for Students**

Students with opposing views on the issue sit facing each other across the center of the room. Students who do not have a position sit in the “neutral zone” at the bottom of the U formation.

***All students:***

- Address each other by first names.
- Think before you speak. Organize your thoughts. Give verbal clues to your listeners (“I have three points.”)
- Address the ideas, not the person.
- Listen when others are speaking—don’t interrupt.
- Move if your view changes based on the arguments you hear.

***Students on the sides of the U:***

One student will begin by explaining why he/she is taking the pro/con position. The conversation will then go back and forth from side to side. Keep in mind these rules:

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- After you speak, you must wait until two other students on your side have spoken before you can speak again. Be sensitive to giving all students on your side an opportunity to speak.

At the end of the discussion, one student from each team will summarize the viewpoints presented during the discussion by his/her team.

***Students in the neutral zone:***

Students in the neutral zone must take notes on both sides of the argument.

You can also ask questions during the discussion. At the end of the discussion, you will be asked to explain what arguments, if any, caused you to change your position.

**Questions/Statements for Activity:**

- Jonas' s world would be an easier one to live in than ours.
- Jonas should try to escape to Elsewhere.
- Fiona would make a good mate for Jonas.
- The Giver is taking good care of Jonas and training him well.
- In order to give citizens peace and safety, it would be ok to eliminate things like color, personal freedoms, and love.

## Connotation Chart

Directions: Complete this chart with twelve pairs of words with similar definitions but different connotations. Write the word of the pair with a positive or neutral connotation in the left-hand column and the other word of the pair with the negative connotation in the right-hand column.

+ (positive or neutral connotation)	- (negative connotation)

obsessive	reserved	mushy
curious	bold	timid
cheap	hyperactive	sentimental
strong-willed	withdrawn	brash
scrawny	frugal	stylish
smug	cowardly	stubborn
nosey	energetic	thin
self-confident	faddish	fervent

## Philosophical Chairs Discussion Scoring Rubric

### **Summary of Speech: Scoring**

1	Not Used	Did not summarize his/her argument
2	Little Used	Had a reference but no information
3	Acceptable Use	Made references and included facts from the text
4	Excellent Use	Restated arguments and included facts from the text
5	Outstanding Use	Restated arguments and all facts supported by text and other sources

### **Thoughtful Reflection: Scoring**

1	Not Used	Did not have understanding of the topic
2	Little Used	Had superficial understanding of the topic
3	Acceptable Use	Understood topic well enough to explain own argument
4	Excellent Use	Explained most of complexity of the topic
5	Outstanding Use	Complexity of the topic explained and used arguments

### **Use of Specific Examples: Scoring**

1	Not Used	No examples from the text
2	Little Used	One example from the text
3	Acceptable Use	Several examples from the text with some explanation
4	Excellent Use	Examples from the text with each explained
5	Outstanding Use	Examples from the text with each explained and extended to fit the argument

### **Academic Discourse: Scoring**

1	Not Used	Errors in agreement and non-standard English
2	Little Used	Informal English and using words “like” “you know” and “thing”
3	Acceptable Use	Standard English usage and complete ideas
4	Excellent Use	Standard English usage with no mistakes and with use of some analogies or examples. Develops an argument. Uses some vocabulary terms.
5	Outstanding Use	Standard English usage without mistakes. Student develops an argument using analogies, examples, and precise text references to support the argument. Uses many vocabulary terms that relate to the topic.

**Teacher:**

<b>Unit:</b> Lesson #: 5	<b>Grade Level/Course:</b> 8th/ELA	<b>Duration: 5 to 6 days</b> <b>Date:</b>
<b>Big Idea:</b> Societal structure has the power to promote or limit freedom, choice, and desire.		
<b>Essential Questions:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How can societal rules help or hurt us?</li> <li>How can society balance individualism with responsibility to community?</li> <li>Think of our current society – what aspects of utopias and dystopias do we have?</li> <li>When should one conform to the wishes or rules of others?</li> <li>What are the consequences for a society when people have choices? / How is society impacted by personal choices? / How do personal choices impact a society?</li> </ol>		
<b>Common Core and Content Standards</b>	<b>Content Standards:</b> <p>RL 8.2 Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.</p> <p>RL.8.3 Analyze lines of dialogue or incidents</p> <p>RI.8.2 Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text including its relationship to support ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.</p> <p>RI.8.3 Analyze how a text makes connections</p> <p>RI.8.6 Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints</p> <p>RI.8.6 Determine an author's point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author acknowledges and responds to conflicting evidence or viewpoints</p> <p>e. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.</p> <p>W.8.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research</p> <p>SL.8.1 Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.</p> <p>c. Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.</p> <p>d. Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.</p>	
<b>Materials/ Resources/ Lesson Preparation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vocabulary Notebook</li> <li>- <i>The Giver</i> book for each student</li> <li>- Dialectical Journal</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community Life Schedule</li> <li>- Canvas Discussion Board (sausd.instructure.com user: full email password: Aeries default)</li> <li>- Group Summaries</li> <li>- Google Slide Presentations (chapter summaries- group)</li> <li>- How Did It End? Discussion Format</li> <li>- Post Reading Survey</li> <li>- Viewing with a Focus Activity (Movie clip)</li> <li>- Think-Write-Pair-Share</li> <li>- Debate</li> <li>- Socratic Seminar</li> <li>- Argumentative Essay</li> </ul>	
<b>Objectives</b>	<p><b>Content:</b> Students will analyze the text by answering Text Dependent Questions.</p> <p>Students will compare and contrast Denmark and Jonas's community by writing an analytical paragraph.</p> <p>Students will reflect and respond to text Dependent Questions using on-line chats in Canvas.</p> <p>Students will make connections in writing from the Denmark Article to Jonas's community.</p> <p>Students will understand the meaning of select works by completing a vocabulary notebook.</p>	<p><b>Language:</b> Students will use standard English when making Discussion Board posts.</p> <p>Students will use academic and content vocabulary to respond in writing.</p>
<b>Depth of Knowledge Level</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level 1: Recall <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level 2: Skill/Concept <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level 3: Strategic Thinking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Level 4: Extended Thinking	
<b>College and Career Ready Skills</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Demonstrating independence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building content knowledge <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responding to varying demands of audience, task, purpose, and discipline <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Valuing evidence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comprehending as well as critiquing <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Using technology and digital media strategically and capably <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coming to understand other perspectives and cultures	
<b>Common Core Instructional Shifts</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Building knowledge through content-rich nonfiction texts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reading and writing grounded from text <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular practice with complex text and its academic vocabulary	

<b>Aca dem ic  Voc abu lary (Tie r II &amp; Tier III)</b>	<b>TEACHER PROVIDES SIMPLE EXPLANATI ON</b>	<b>KEY WORDS ESSENTIAL TO UNDERSTANDING</b>	<b>WORDS WORTH KNOWING</b>
			Utopian, Dystopian, Clauses(Independent & Subordinate)
	<b>STUDENTS FIGURE OUT THE MEANING</b>	Release, respond, concept, available	precise
<b>Pre-teaching Considerations</b>	Students should have read chapters 18-23 before lesson. Students should be familiar with Dialectical Journal, Vocabulary Notebook, Community “Life Schedule” and Group Summary formats.		
<b>Lesson Delivery Comprehension</b>			
<b>Instruction al Methods</b>	<p><b>Check method(s) used in the lesson:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modeling    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guided Practice    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration    <input type="checkbox"/> Independent Practice</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Guided Inquiry                                      <input type="checkbox"/> Reflection</p>		
<b><u>Lesson Overview</u></b>	<p><b>Preparing the Learner:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Students should complete the Vocabulary Notebook for the words listed above and provided in <b>Resource 5.1</b>.</li> <li>2. Students should have read Ch. 18-19 before this lesson and completed the dialectical Journal.</li> <li>3. <b>Think-Write-Pair-Share-</b> Have half the students answer question 1 and half the students answer question 2. <b>Question 1-</b>(From Ch. 17) Students should read pages 130-134 and then respond to the following question. Explain how feelings, real feelings, have affected Jonas on pages 130-134. Explain whether you believe that society is better off without feelings or if they would be better off with “real feelings.” <b>Question 2-</b> (From Chapter 18-19) what does it mean to be released from the community? Why would any of the characters want to be released?</li> <li>4. Students should read chapter 20-23 independently, complete the group summaries as necessary and respond to the discussion threads at the following link <a href="https://sausd.instructure.com/courses/15474/discussion_topics">https://sausd.instructure.com/courses/15474/discussion_topics</a> Prior to the following activities.</li> <li>5. Additionally, students should use the Vocabulary Notebook (<b>Resource 5.1</b>) to record and learn new words from <i>The Giver</i>.</li> <li>6. <b>Resource 5.3</b> has been added for teachers who plan to show students the movie to their class in order to compare and contrast the differences between the two.</li> </ol>		

<b>Interacting with the Text</b>	<p><b><u>Virtual Gallery Walk Slide Presentation</u></b></p> <p>1. Pose the following questions to students prior to showing them the movie clip that follows: What purpose do memories serve in this clip? Does the movie clip give the same message as the novel? What is the message or theme from this short clip?</p> <p>Have students watch the film clip of Rosemary's Release <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uYrVQ1BwRT0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uYrVQ1BwRT0</a> as a class.</p> <p>2. Now have students watch the clip individually on their device and allow them to stop the video and pull quotes that will help them answer the questions posed above.</p> <p>3. Next, have students create a digital slide that conveys their answers fully and creatively to the questions above.</p> <p>4. Students will then do a virtual gallery walk by posting the link to their slide into the Canvas Discussion Board topic labeled "<a href="#">The Purpose of Memories</a>".</p> <p>5. Refer students to <b>Resource 5.4C</b> to help them create their slide show.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Virtual Gallery Walk Presentation Slide- Student Directions</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Directions for students:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Consider the following questions before watching the video clip below: What purpose do memories serve in this clip? Does the movie clip give the same message as the novel? What is the message or theme from this short clip? Explain why this is the theme.</li><li>2. Watch the film clip of Rosemary's Release <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uYrVQ1BwRT0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uYrVQ1BwRT0</a></li><li>3. You may also use the video transcript to use quotes from (<b>Resource 5.4B</b>).</li><li>4. Create a digital slide that conveys your answers fully and creatively to the questions above.</li><li>5. Post the link to your slide into the Canvas Discussion Board topic labeled "<a href="#">The Purpose of Memories</a>".</li><li>6. Be sure to put your name on your slideshow, provide a title and picture and thoroughly answer the questions with a minimum of two pieces of textual evidence. Once you have posted the link to your slide, you must then respond to three other students' slides and give constructive feedback. You may express your agreement with elaboration, disagreement with elaboration, or build upon your classmates' ideas and offer extensions.</li></ol>
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<b>Extending Understanding</b>	<p><b>Ch.20</b></p> <p>1. After students have read Ch. 20 independently, have them read the following chunk from the last page of Ch. 20 (<b>Resource 5.5</b>) and have a class discussion around the question that follows the reading.</p>	<p><b>Differentiated Instruction:</b></p> <p><b>English Learners:</b> Students should be given full access to the resources for writing and be able to work together in order to answer the TDQ and activities for lesson. In addition, a link for the audio recording on YouTube allows students to listen to the text while they read.</p>
	<p>I'll need you, too. Please come with me." He knew the answer even as he made the final plea.</p> <p>"My work will be finished," The Giver had replied gently, "when I have helped the community to change and become whole.</p> <p>"I'm grateful to you, Jonas, because without you I would never have figured out a way to bring about the change. But your role now is to escape. And my role is to stay."</p> <p>"But don't you <i>want</i> to be with me, Giver?" Jonas asked sadly.</p> <p>The Giver hugged him. "I love you, Jonas," he said. "But I have another place to go. When my work here is finished, I want to be with my daughter."</p> <p>Jonas had been staring glumly at the floor. Now he looked up, startled. "I didn't know you had a daughter, Giver! You told me that you'd had a spouse. But I never knew about your daughter."</p> <p>The Giver smiled, and nodded. For the first time in their long months together, Jonas saw him look truly happy.</p> <p>"Her name was Rosemary," The Giver said.</p> <p>2. Discuss the following concepts and compare how the Giver and Jonas understand and address these issues as opposed to the other characters in the novel: Love, Death, Sacrifice, and Choice. Use <b>Resource 5.6</b> to help students organize their ideas.</p> <p>Leading questions for the teacher:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Giver wants to be with his daughter, Rosemary. What does this mean? And why would he want this?</li> <li>• Who sacrifices the most? Why do they sacrifice themselves for people who do not seem to deserve it?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Students Who Need Additional Support:</b> A link for the audio recording on YouTube allows students to listen to the text while they read.</p>

<p><b><u>Ch. 21-23</u></b></p> <p>1. After responding to the Dialectical Journal, TDQ's on the Canvas Discussion Board, and completing the Community "Life Schedule" activity for the conclusion of the book, have students read Lois Lowry's "Newbery Acceptance Speech" from June 1994 (This is a fantastic resource, do not skip it!)</p> <p>*** Students can also listen the audio of the speech, read by one of our teachers, while reading along to the text by clicking on the following link or typing the link into their web browser <a href="http://zapt.io/tefyhnsm">http://zapt.io/tefyhnsm</a></p> <p>2. Students should annotate the text using <b>Resource 5.7</b> and keep the essential questions of this unit in mind as they are annotating the text.</p> <p>Essential Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can societal rules help or hurt us?</li> <li>• How can society balance individualism with responsibility to community?</li> <li>• Think of our current society – what aspects of utopias and dystopias do we have?</li> <li>• When should one conform to the wishes or rules of others?</li> <li>• What are the consequences for a society when people have choices? How is society impacted by personal choices? How do personal choices impact a society?</li> </ul> <p>4. Using the Big Idea for this unit: Societal structure has the power to promote or limit freedom, choice, and desire; and the essential questions that they used to help them with their annotations of Lois Lowry's speech, have students develop claims and supporting arguments for their claims that they will be using within a Socratic Seminar Discussion (<b>Resource 5.8</b>).</p> <p>5. Once students have recorded their evidence, use the Socratic Seminar protocol (<b>Resource 5.9</b>) to have students engage in a whole class collaborative conversation. It would be a good idea to have students</p>	<p><b>Accelerated Learners:</b> To extend challenge to students, have students read <b>Resource 5.2B</b> and then discuss the following questions: When could too many choices be problematic? Alternately, if no individual in their society has freedom of choice, would it still be unfair not to have choices?</p> <p><b>Resource 5.2C-</b> Debate activity (Rosemary's Release)</p> <p><b>Special Education:</b> A link for the audio recording on YouTube allows students to listen to the text while they read. *Also refer to individual IEP.</p>
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	<p>watch one of the following videos before having a conversation themselves</p> <p>(<a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3prERmBWolzYnVVS0ozd2xGZIU/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3prERmBWolzYnVVS0ozd2xGZIU/view?usp=sharing</a>, or <a href="https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3prERmBWolzRVlpdE5vTWdnZ0U/view?usp=sharing">https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3prERmBWolzRVlpdE5vTWdnZ0U/view?usp=sharing</a>)</p> <p>6. Also, when dividing your class, pair up students so that they can evaluate their partner's participation with <b>Resource 5.9A</b>.</p> <p>7. Now that students have completed the reading of the novel and the discussion, have them fill out the <b>Post Reading Survey (Resource 5.4)</b>.</p> <p>8. An optional writing activity for this lesson is to have students write an argumentative literary analysis of the author's message or theme for the novel, <i>The Giver</i>. To make this assignment more challenging, have students develop their own claim statement and let their claim statement be the guide to what they will need to use as support.</p> <p>9. Students should have plenty of supporting details from the work that they have completed throughout this unit, but if they need more planning resources they can use the <a href="#">Soapstone</a> method (<b>Resource 5.10</b>) to further analyze <i>The Giver</i>.</p> <p>10. Lastly, <b>Resources 5.11-5.16</b> are provided as additional resources for students to use while planning, writing, revising, and reflecting on their argumentative essay.</p>	
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**Teacher Reflection  
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## Vocabulary Notebook: *The Giver*, Chapters 18-23

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release			<p>“Do you mean my <b>release</b>, or just the general topic of <b>release</b>?.” Chapter 18 (Be sure to use the definition appropriate to <i>The Giver</i>.)</p>	
precise			<p>“Both, I guess. I apologi--I mean I should have been more <b>precise</b>. But I don’t know exactly what I mean.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chapter 18</p>	
respond			<p>“The Giver didn’t <b>respond</b> to the question.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chapter 18</p>	
concept			<p>“It’s an interesting <b>concept</b>. I need to think about it some more.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chapter 18</p>	
available			<p>“He was astonished and delighted that this was <b>available</b> to him, and surprised that he had not known.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Chapter 19</p>	

Vocabulary Notebook: *The Giver*, Chapters 18-23

<i>Word &amp; Translation</i>	<i>Picture/Image</i>	<i>Definition</i>	<i>Source Sentence</i>	<i>Original Sentence</i>

# **Dialectical Journal**

## *The Giver*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapters: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Complete this reader response log while reading *The Giver* (both in class and while you read independently). This format will guide you through the reading & thinking process to help develop your ideas and express them on paper so that you can better participate in the discussion board with your team.

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**Essential Questions:** 1. How can societal rules help or hurt us? 2. How can a society balance individualism with responsibility to community? 3. Think of our current society – what aspects of utopias and dystopias do we have? 4. When should one conform to the wishes or rules of others? 5. How do personal choices impact a society?

## Resource 5.2

### Is Love too Strong a Word?

To extend, challenge students to contemplate: When could too many choices be problematic? Alternately, if no one in the society has choices, would it still be unfair not to have choices?

**DISCUSSION:**

Jonas feels compelled to ask his parents if they love him. Consider the following excerpt from the book:

“Father? Mother?” Jonas asked tentatively after the evening meal. “I have a question I want to ask you.”

“What is it, Jonas?” his father asked.

He made himself say the words, though he felt flushed with embarrassment. He had rehearsed them in his mind all the way home from the Annex.

“Do you love me?”

There was an awkward silence for a moment. Then Father gave a little chuckle.  
“Jonas. You, of all people. Precision of language, please!”

“What do you mean?” Jonas asked. Amusement was not at all what he had anticipated.

“Your father means that you used a very generalized word, so meaningless that it’s become almost obsolete,” his mother explained carefully.

Jonas stared at them. Meaningless? He had never before felt anything as meaningful as the memory.

“And of course our community can’t function smoothly if people don’t use precise language. You could ask, ‘Do you enjoy me?’ The answer is ‘Yes.’” his mother said.

“Or,” his father suggested, “‘Do you take pride in my accomplishments? And the answer is wholeheartedly ‘Yes.’”

“Do you understand why it’s inappropriate to use a word like ‘love?’” Mother asked.

Jonas nodded. “Yes, thank you, I do,” he replied slowly.

*The Giver*, pages 159-60

This leads to an awkward moment for the whole family. How do Father and Mother’s responses make Jonas feel? How does Jonas’s question make his parents feel? **What significance does the absence of love have on the Community as a whole? On its individual members?**

**DEBATE:**

Rosemary, the former Receiver-in-training, experienced memories of poverty, hunger, and terror. She was so overwhelmed by these memories that she asked the Chief Elder if she could be released. What type of relief, if any, did Rosemary expect from her release? What other options did Rosemary have within the Community for coping with her immense new sadness?

**Procedure:**

Divide students into three teams to debate the following: When Rosemary requested her own release, was this suicide?

**Team A** will argue that Rosemary, by willingly requesting her own release, did commit suicide.

**Team B** will argue that Rosemary did not commit suicide, as she may not have been aware of the consequences brought upon by release.

**Team C**, the team of judges, will listen to the arguments of the opposing teams and conclude with a collaborative solution that integrates the differing perspectives that were introduced.

1. Start by reviewing the rules to this activity.
2. Work together to find evidence for your claims (25 minutes).
3. Have the judges sit in the front of the room and have Team A and B sit on either side of the room facing each other. The teacher should facilitate the debate. While the judges synthesize Team A and team B's arguments, Team A and Team B should reflect upon this process by writing a minimum of one paragraph that explains how this activity strengthened their understanding of how The Receiver is affected by the burdens that are placed upon them.

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# **Viewing with a Focus**

## *The Giver*

### Book vs. Movie



1. Asher is assigned to be a drone pilot (in the movie) instead of the Asst. Director of Recreation (in the book). In what other ways is Asher's character different? How does this "new" Asher affect the conflict?
  2. Fiona is assigned to be a Nurturer (movie) instead of a Caretaker of the Old (book). Additionally, Jonas convinces her to not get injected (movie version of the "pills") and she helps Jonas escape the community with Gabriel. As a result, we can determine that Jonas is not as isolated and alone in the movie. How might this have changed Jonas's motivation or feelings?
  3. The book ends with a cliffhanger. Is the movie ending also a cliffhanger? How do you think the movie ends (death or Elsewhere)? Why?

## Post- Reading Survey

For each item, mark how strongly you agree or disagree with the statement.

1. Sometimes it is okay to lie.

1 (strongly disagree)	2 (disagree)	3 (agree)	4 (strongly agree)
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2. Memories play an important part of your life and who you are.

1 (strongly disagree)	2 (disagree)	3 (agree)	4 (strongly agree)
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3. It is better to remain ignorant about some aspects of life.

1 (strongly disagree)	2 (disagree)	3 (agree)	4 (strongly agree)
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4. In a perfect society, everyone is equal.

1 (strongly disagree)	2 (disagree)	3 (agree)	4 (strongly agree)
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5. The government knows what is best for us.

1 (strongly disagree)	2 (disagree)	3 (agree)	4 (strongly agree)
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6. Rules exist to help us live our lives properly.

1 (strongly disagree)	2 (disagree)	3 (agree)	4 (strongly agree)
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7. It would be much better for society if all negative memories were forgotten.

1 (strongly disagree)	2 (disagree)	3 (agree)	4 (strongly agree)
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8. It is better to be part of a group than to be alone.

1 (strongly disagree)	2 (disagree)	3 (agree)	4 (strongly agree)
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Look back at the Anticipation Guide at the beginning of your notebook. Did any of your answers change? Why or why not? Choose a quote from your Dialectical Journal that supports one of your opinions.

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**Transcript for *The Giver* Movie Clip**

(The Giver) "You can stop this."

(Chief Elder) "Stop what? If you don't want to see it, sit down with the other elders. Close your eyes."

(Computer) "Ceremony of release to elsewhere."

(Boy) "Hello Fiona. Are you uncomfortable?"

(Fiona) "I'm not uncomfortable. I'm afraid."

(Boy) "You don't have to be afraid. You know me. I'll be very gentle. I promise."

(The Giver) "Her name was Rosemary. She was my daughter. I loved her."

(Chief Elder) "Precision of language."

(The Giver) "I could not be more precise. Do you know what that is like? To love someone? I do. I've cried, felt her sorrow. I've sung, danced. I've felt real joy."

(Chief Elder) "Then you know better than anyone. You have seen children starve. You've seen people stand on each other's necks, just for the view. You know what it feels like when men blow each other up."

(The Giver) "Yes."

(Chief Elder) "Over a simple line in the sand."

(The Giver) "I do, but-"

(Chief Elder) "And yet, and yet, you and Jonas want to open that door again. And bring all that back."

(The Giver) "If you could only see the possibility of love."

(Chief Elder) "But why?"

(The Giver) "Of love. With love comes faith, comes hope."

(Chief Elder) "Love is just passion that can turn. It turns into contempt and murder."

(The Giver) "We could choose better."

(Chief Elder) {*scoffingLaugh*} "People are weak. People are selfish. When people have the freedom to choose, they choose wrong, every single time."

(The Giver) "Loss, pain, music, joy, the raw, impossible beautiful feeling of love, your son! You felt that!"

(Jonas goes down the hill on a snow sled with Gabriel)

(The Giver pointing at Fiona) "That girl, she has felt it."

(Chief Elder) "That's enough!"

(The Giver) "You people are living a life of shadows, of echoes, of fate, of distant whispers, of once made us real."

(The Boy) "Excuse me one second Fiona. Uh,"

(Chief Elder) "We must continue."

(Lethal Needle injection is dropping down to "release" Fiona. She is watching it getting closer and closer to her arm. Jonas exits the community and the memories begin to flood into everyone's minds. Colors return to their world. Joys, hurts and sorrows flood their minds with feelings. Fiona's release is stopped).

### **Virtual Gallery Walk Presentation Slide**

#### **Directions for students:**

1. Consider the following Questions before watching the video clip below: What purpose do memories serve in this clip? Does the movie clip give the same message as the novel? What is the message or theme from this short clip? Explain why this is the theme.
2. Watch the watch the film clip of Rosemary's Release  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uYrVQ1BwRT0>
3. You may also use the Video transcript to use quotes from (Resource 5.4B).
4. Create a digital slide that conveys your answers fully and creatively to the questions above.
5. Post the link to your slide into the Canvas Discussion Board topic labeled "[The Purpose of Memories](#)".
6. Be sure to put your name on your slideshow, provide a title and picture and thoroughly answer the questions with a minimum of two pieces of textual evidence. Once you have posted the link to your slide, you must then respond to three other students' slides and give constructive feedback. You may express your agreement with elaboration, disagreement with elaboration, or build upon your classmates' ideas and offer extensions.

I'll need you, too. Please come with me." He knew the answer even as he made the final plea.

"My work will be finished," The Giver had replied gently, "when I have helped the community to change and become whole.

"I'm grateful to you, Jonas, because without you I would never have figured out a way to bring about the change. But your role now is to escape. And my role is to stay."

"But don't you *want* to be with me, Giver?" Jonas asked sadly.

The Giver hugged him. "I love you, Jonas," he said. "But I have another place to go. When my work here is finished, I want to be with my daughter."

Jonas had been staring glumly at the floor. Now he looked up, startled. "I didn't know you had a daughter, Giver! You told me that you'd had a spouse. But I never knew about your daughter."

The Giver smiled, and nodded. For the first time in their long months together, Jonas saw him look truly happy.

"Her name was Rosemary," The Giver said.

	Jonas	The Giver	Jonas's Parents	Other characters
Love				
Death				
Sacrifice				
Choice				

Newbery Acceptance Speech  
Lois Lowry  
June, 1994

“How do you know where to start?” a child asked me once, in a schoolroom, where I’d been speaking to her class about the writing of books. I shrugged and smiled and told her that I just start wherever it feels right.

This evening it feels right to start by quoting a passage from *The Giver*, a scene set during the days in which the boy, Jonas, is beginning to look more deeply into the life that has been very superficial, beginning to see that his own past goes back farther than he had ever known and has greater implications than he had ever suspected.

“...now he saw the familiar wide river beside the path differently. He saw all of the light and color and history it contained and carried in its slow-moving water; and he knew that there was an Elsewhere from which it came, and an Elsewhere to which it was going.”

Every author is asked again and again the question we probably each have come to dread the most: HOW DID YOU GET THIS IDEA?

We give glib, quick answers because there are other hands raised, other kids in the audience waiting.

I’d like, tonight, to dispense with my usual flippancy and glibness and try to tell you the origins of this book. It is a little like Jonas looking into the river and realizing that it carries with it everything that has come from an Elsewhere. A spring, perhaps, at the beginning, bubbling up from the earth; then a trickle from a glacier; a mountain stream entering farther along; and each tributary bringing with it the collected bits and pieces from the past, from the distant, from the countless Elsewheres: all of it moving, mingled, in the current.

For me, the tributaries are memories, and I’ve selected only a

Annotations:

few. I'll tell them to you chronologically. I have to go way back. I'm starting 46 years ago.

In 1948, I am eleven years old. I have gone with my mother, sister, and brother to join my father, who has been in Tokyo for two years and will be there for several more.

**We live there, in the center of that huge Japanese city, in a small American enclave with a very American name: Washington Heights. We live in an American style house, with American neighbors, and our little community has its own movie theater, which shows American movies; and a small church, a tiny library, and an elementary school, and in many ways it is an odd replica of a United States village.**

**(In later, adult years I was to ask my mother why we had lived there instead of taking advantage of the opportunity to live within the Japanese community and to learn and experience a different way of life. But she seemed surprised by my question. She said that we lived where we did because it was comfortable. It was familiar. It was safe.)**

**At eleven years old I am not a particularly adventurous child, nor am I a rebellious one. But I have always been curious.**

**I have a bicycle. Again and again – countless times without my parents' knowledge – I ride my bicycle out the back gate of the fence that surrounds our comfortable, familiar, safe American community. I ride down a hill because I am curious and I enter, riding down that hill, an unfamiliar, slightly uncomfortable, perhaps even unsafe ... though I never feel it to be ... area of Tokyo that throbs with life.**

**It is a district called Shibuya. It is crowded with shops and people and theaters and street vendors and the day-to-day bustle of Japanese life.**

**I remember, still, after all these years, the smells: fish and fertilizer and charcoal; the sounds: music and shouting and**

the clatter of wooden shoes and wooden sticks and wooden wheels; and the colors: I remember the babies and toddlers dressed in bright pink and orange and red, most of all, but I remember, too, the dark blue uniforms of the school children: the strangers who are my own age.

I wander through Shibuya day after day during those years when I am 11, 12 and 13. I love the feel of it, the vigor and the garish brightness and the noise; all of such a contrast to my own life.

But I never talk to anyone. I am not frightened of the people, who are so different from me, but I am shy. I watch the children shouting and playing around a school, and they are children my age, and they watch me in return; but we never speak to one another.

One afternoon I am standing on a street corner when a woman near me reaches out, touches my hair, and says something. I back away, startled, because my knowledge of the language is poor and I misunderstand her words.

I think she has said, “Kirai des” meaning that she dislikes me; and I am embarrassed, and confused wondering what I have done wrong; how I have disgraced myself.

Then, after a moment, I realize my mistake. She has said, actually, “Kirei-des.” She has called me pretty. And I look for her, in the crowd, at least to smile, perhaps to say thank you if I can overcome my shyness enough to speak. But she is gone.

I remember this moment – this instant of communication gone awry – again and again over the years. Perhaps this is where the river starts.

In 1954 and 1955 I am a college freshman, living in a very small dormitory, actually a converted private home, with a group of perhaps fourteen other girls. We are very much alike: we wear the same sort of clothes: cashmere sweaters and plaid wool skirts, knee socks, and loafers. We all smoke Marlboro cigarettes and we knit – usually argyle socks for our boyfriends – and play bridge.

Sometimes we study; and we get good grades because we are all the cream of the crop, the valedictorians and class presidents from our high schools all over the United States.

One of the girls in our dorm is not like the rest of us. She doesn't wear our uniform. She wears blue jeans instead of skirts, and she doesn't curl her hair or knit or play bridge. She doesn't date or go to fraternity parties and dances.

She's a smart girl, a good student, a pleasant enough person, but she is different, somehow alien, and that makes us uncomfortable. We react with a kind of mindless cruelty. We don't tease or torment her, but we do something worse; we ignore her. We pretend that she doesn't exist. In a small house of fourteen young women, we make one invisible.

Somehow, by shutting her out, we make ourselves feel comfortable, familiar, safe.

I think of her now and then as the years pass. Those thoughts – fleeting, but profoundly remorseful – enter the current of the river.

In the summer of 1979, I am sent by a magazine I am working for to an island off the coast of Maine to write an article about a painter who lives there alone. I spend a good deal of time with this man, and we talk a lot about color. It is clear to me that although I am a highly visual person – a person who sees and appreciates form and composition and color – this man's capacity for seeing color goes far beyond mine.

I photograph him while I am there, and I keep a copy of his photograph for myself because there is something about his face – his eyes – which haunts me.

Later, I hear that he has become blind. I think about him – his name is Carl Nelson – from time to time. His photograph hangs over my desk. I wonder what it was like for him to lose the colors about which he was so impassioned. Now and then I wish, in a whimsical way, that he could have somehow magically given me the capacity to see the way he did.

A little bubble begins, a little spurt, which will trickle into the river.

In 1989 I go to a small village in Germany to attend the wedding of one of my sons. In an ancient church, he marries his Margret in a ceremony conducted in a language I do not speak and can not understand.

But one section of the service is in English. A woman stands in the balcony of that old stone church and sings the words from the Bible: where you go, I will go. Your people will be my people. How small the world has become, I think, looking around the church at the many people who sit there wishing happiness to my son and his new wife – wishing it in their own language as I am wishing it in mine. We are all each other's people now, I find myself thinking.

Can you feel that this memory, too, is a stream that is now entering the river?

Another fragment, my father, nearing 90, is in a nursing home. My brother and I have hung family pictures on the walls of his room. During a visit, he and I are talking about the people in the pictures. One is my sister, my parents' first child, who died young of cancer. My father smiles, looking at her picture. "That's your sister," he says happily. "That's Helen."

Then he comments, a little puzzled, but not at all sad, "I can't remember exactly what happened to her." We can forget pain, I think. And it is comfortable to do so. But I also wonder briefly: is it safe to do that, to forget?

That uncertainty pours itself into the river of thought which will become the book.

1991. I am in an auditorium somewhere. I have spoken at length about my book, Number the Stars, which has been honored with the 1990 Newbery Medal. A woman raises her hand. When the turn for her question comes, she sighs very loudly and says, “Why do we have to tell this Holocaust thing over and over? Is it really necessary?”

I answer her as well as I can – quoting, in fact, my German daughter-in- law, who has said to me, “No one knows better than we Germans that we must tell this again and again.”

But I think about her question – and my answer – a great deal.

Wouldn’t it, I think, playing Devil’s Advocate to myself, make for a more comfortable world to forget the Holocaust? And I remember once again how comfortable, familiar and safe my parents had sought to make my childhood by shielding me from ELSEWHERE. But I remember, too, that my response had been to open the gate again and again. My instinct had been a child’s attempt to see for myself what lay beyond the wall.

The thinking becomes another tributary into the river of thought that will create The Giver.

Here’s another memory. I am sitting in a booth with my daughter in a little Beacon Hill pub where she and I often have lunch together. The television is on in the background, behind the bar, as it always is. She and I are talking. Suddenly I gesture to her. I say, “Shhhh” because I have heard a fragment of the news and I am startled, anxious, and want to hear the rest. Someone has walked into a fast-food place with an automatic weapon and randomly killed a number of people. My daughter stops talking and waits while I listen to the rest.

Then I relax. I say to her, in a relieved voice, “It’s all right. It was in Oklahoma.” (O perhaps it was Alabama. Or Indiana.)

She stares at me in amazement that I have said such a

hideous thing.

How comfortable I made myself feel for a moment, by reducing my own realm of caring to my own familiar neighborhood. How safe I deluded myself into feeling. I think about that, and it becomes a torrent that enters the flow of a river turbulent by now, and clogged with memories and thoughts and ideas that begin to mesh and intertwine. The river begins to seek a place to spill over.

When Jonas meets The Giver for the first time, and tries to comprehend what lies before him, he says, in confusion “I thought there was only us. I thought there was only now.”

In beginning to write The giver I created – as I always do, in every book– a world that existed only in my imagination – the world of “only us, only now.”

I tried to make Jonas’s world seem familiar, comfortable, and safe, and I tried to seduce the reader. I seduced myself along the way, It did feel good, that world. I got rid of all the things I fear and dislike; all the violence, prejudice, poverty, and injustice, and I even threw in good manners as a way of life because I liked the idea of it.

One child has pointed out, in a letter, that the people in Jonas’s world didn’t even have to do dishes.

It was very, very tempting to leave it at that.

But I’ve never been a writer of fairy tales. And if I’ve learned anything through that river of memories, it is that we can’t live in a walled world, in an “only us, only now” world where we are all the same and feel safe. We would have to sacrifice too much. The richness of color and diversity would disappear feelings for other humans would no longer be necessary. Choices would be obsolete.

And besides, I had ridden my bike Elsewhere as a child, and liked it there, but had never been brave enough to tell anyone about it. So it was time.

A letter that I've kept for a very long time is from a child who has read my book called Anastasia Krupnik. Her letter – she's a little girl named Paula from Louisville, Kentucky – says:

"I really like the book you wrote about Anastasia and her family because it made me laugh every time I read it. I especially liked when it said she didn't want to have a baby brother in the house because she had to clean up after him every time and change his diaper when her mother and father aren't home and she doesn't like to give him a bath and watch him all the time and put him to sleep every night while her mother goes to work..."

Here's the fascinating thing: Nothing that the child describes actually happens in the book. The child – as we all do – has brought her own life to a book. She has found a place, a place in the pages of a book, that shares her own frustration and feelings.

And the same thing is happening – as I hoped it would happen – with *The Giver*.

Those of you who hoped that I would stand here tonight and reveal the "true" ending, the "right" interpretation of the ending, will be disappointed.

There isn't one. There's a right one for each of us, and it depends on our own beliefs, our own hopes.

Let me tell you a few endings which are the "right" endings for a few children out of the many who have written to me.

From a sixth grader: "I think that when they were traveling they were traveling in a circle. When they came to "Elsewhere" it was their old community, but they had accepted the memories and all the feelings that go along with it..."

From another: "...Jonas was kind of like Jesus because he took the pain for everyone else in the community so they wouldn't have to suffer. And, at the very end of the book, when Jonas and

Gabe reached the place that they knew as Elsewhere, you described Elsewhere as if it were heaven.”

And one more: “A lot of people I know would hate that ending, but not me. I loved it. Mainly because I got to make the book happy. I decided they made it. They made it to the past. I decided the past was our world, and the future was their world. It was parallel worlds.”

Finally, from one seventh grade boy: “I was really surprised that they just died at the end. That was a bummer. You could of made them stay alive, I thought.”

Very few find it a bummer. Most of the young readers who have written to me have perceived the magic of the circular journey. The truth that we go out and come back, and that what welcome back to is changed, and so are we.

Perhaps I have been traveling in a circle too. Things come together and become complete.

Here is what I've come back to:

The daughter who was with me and looked at me in horror the day I fell victim to thinking we were “only us, only now” (and that what happened in

Oklahoma, or Alabama, or Indiana didn’t matter) was the first person to read the manuscript of *The Giver*.

The college classmate who was “different” lives, last I heard, very happily in New Jersey with another woman who shares her life. I can only hope that she has forgiven those of us who were young in a more frightened and less enlightened time.

My son, and Margret, his German wife – the one who reminded me how important it is to tell our stories again and again, painful though they often are– now have a little girl who will be the receiver of all of their memories. Their daughter had crossed the Atlantic three times before she was six months old. Presumably my granddaughter will never be fearful of Elsewhere.

Carl Nelson, the man who lost colors but not the memory

of them, is the face on the cover of this book. He died in 1989 but left a vibrant legacy of paintings. One hangs now in my home.

And I am especially happy to stand here tonight, on this platform with Allen Say because it truly brings my journey full circle. Allen was twelve years old when I was. He lived in Shibuya, that alien Elsewhere that I went to as a child on a bicycle. He was one of the Other, the Different, the dark-eyed children in blue school uniforms, and I was too timid then to do more than stand at the edge of their school yard, smile shyly, and wonder what their lives were like.

Now I can say to Allen what I wish I could have said then: Watashi-no comodachi des'. Greetings, my friend.

I have been asked whether the Newbery Medal is, actually, an odd sort of burden in terms of the greater responsibility one feels.

Whether one is paralyzed by it, fearful of being able to live up to the standards it represents.

For me the opposite has been true. I think the 1990 Newbery freed me to risk failure.

Other people took that risk with me, of course, One was my editor, Walter Lorraine, who has never to my knowledge been afraid to take a chance. Walter cares more about what a book has to say than he does about whether he can turn it into a stuffed animal or a calendar or a movie.

The Newbery Committee was gutsy too. There would have been safer books. More comfortable books. More familiar books. They took a trip beyond the realm of sameness, with this one, and I think they should be very proud of that.

And all of you, as well. Let me say something to those of you here who do such dangerous work.

The man that I named The Giver passed along to the boy

knowledge, history, memories, color, pain, laughter, love, and truth. Every time you place a book in the hands of a child, you do the same thing.

It is very risky. But each time a child opens a book, he pushes open the gate that separates him from Elsewhere. It gives him choices. It gives him freedom.

Those are magnificent, wonderfully unsafe things.

I have been greatly honored by you now, two times. It is impossible to express my gratitude for that. Perhaps the only way, really, is to return to Boston, to my office, to my desk, and to go back to work in hopes that whatever I do next will justify the faith in me that this medal represents.

There are other rivers flowing.

[http://www.walden.com/wpcontent/uploads/2014/07/Newbery\\_Award.pdf](http://www.walden.com/wpcontent/uploads/2014/07/Newbery_Award.pdf)

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## **Socratic Seminar Preparation**

**Directions:** Complete the graphic organizer below to prepare for the Socratic Seminar. Students who do not **COMPLETELY FINISH** this graphic organizer will not be permitted to participate in the class discussion, and will earn a zero on that assignment (which CANNOT be made up for late credit). There will be no partial credit given for partially completed assignments. This will be an all or nothing opportunity.

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>	<b>Textual Evidence with Citation</b>
Societal structure has the power to promote or limit freedom, choice, and desire. How does the Lois Lowry, in her speech and in the Novel The Giver feel about this topic?		
What role does memory play in this novel? How does the lack of memory affect the society?		
How can society balance individualism with responsibility to community?		

<b>Question</b>	<b>Answer</b>	<b>Textual Evidence with Citation</b>
Think of our current society – what aspects of utopias and dystopias do we have that are reflections of things that we saw in <u>The Giver</u> ?		
What are the consequences for a society when people have choices? How is society impacted by personal choices/ How do personal choices impact a society?		
When should one conform to the wishes or rules of others?		

# Socratic Seminar Guidelines

## Before the Seminar

**Read and prepare your text before the seminar using the Critical Reading Process (as developed in The Write Path English Language Arts: Exploring Texts with Strategic Reading).**

1. Make sure you **understand your purpose for reading**. Follow the teacher's reading prompt, if provided.
2. **Pre-read** by previewing the text and determining how it is structured, thinking about any background information you already know or you discussed in class and noticing the questions you have before you read.
3. **Interact with the text** so you read it closely. This includes annotating by:

Marking the text

- Number the paragraphs
- Circle key terms
- Underline important parts of the text that are connected to your purpose for reading

Writing in the margins

- Write notes in the margins or use sticky notes to write your thoughts and questions
- Use Cornell notes, a dialectical journal or some other form of note-taking to keep track of your thoughts, being careful to note passages/paragraph numbers, page numbers, etc. You want to easily reference the text.

4. **Extend beyond the text** by writing several open-ended, higher-level questions that have no single right answer and will encourage discussion. Areas to consider for questions:

- Ask "Why?" about the author's choices in the text, about a character's motivation, about a situation described in the text, etc.
- Ask about viewpoint or perspectives (realist, pessimist, optimist, etc.).
- Examine the title or tone of the text or connect to current issues, theme, etc.
- Ask, "If the author were alive today, how would he or she feel about...?"
- Ask questions that explore your own interpretation of the reading.
- Ask about importance: "So what . . . ?" "What does it matter that . . . ?" "What does it mean that . . . ?"

## During the Seminar

**Use all of your close reading to participate in a discussion that helps you understand the text at a deeper level. Be ready to discuss the text like the scholar you are!**

1. Be prepared to participate and ask good questions. The quality of the seminar is diminished when participants speak without preparation.
2. Show respect for differing ideas, thoughts and values—no put-downs or sarcasm.
3. Allow each speaker enough time to begin and finish his or her thoughts—don't interrupt.
4. Involve others in the discussion and ask others to elaborate on their responses (See Student Handout: Academic Language Scripts for Socratic Seminar).

**STUDENT HANDOUT**

5. Build on what others say. Ask questions to probe deeper, clarify, paraphrase and add and synthesize a variety of different views in your own summary. Examples:

- **Ask questions to probe deeper:** “Juan makes me think of another point: why would the author include...?” or “Sonya, what makes you think that the author meant...?”
- **Clarify:** “I think what Stephanie is trying to say is...” or “I’m not sure I understand what you are saying, Jeff. What is...?”
- **Paraphrase and add:** “Lupe said that.... I agree with her and also think...”
- **Synthesize:** “Based on the ideas from Tim, Shanequia and Maya, it seems like we all think that the author is...”

6. Use your best active listening skills: nod, make eye contact, lean forward, provide feedback and listen carefully to others.

7. Participate openly and keep your mind open to new ideas and possibilities.

8. Refer to the text often and give evidence and examples to support your response. Example: “The author has clearly stated in line 22 that...”

9. Discuss the ideas of the text, not each other’s opinions or personal experiences.

10. Take notes about important points you want to remember or new questions you want to ask.

## After the Seminar

***Think about what you’ve learned as a result of participating in the Socratic Seminar.***

1. **Summarize:** Use writing to think about and **summarize the content** of the seminar, especially to capture new understandings of the text.

**Examples of Summary Questions/Prompts:**

- Based on this seminar, what are the most important points about this text?
- How does my understanding of the text connect to other things I’m learning?
- What major ideas do I better understand about this text because of this seminar?
- There are three main ideas I’m taking away from this seminar...

2. **Reflect:** Use writing to think about and **reflect on the process** of the seminar—both your contribution and the group’s process.

**Examples of Reflection Questions/Prompts:**

- How did I contribute to this discussion—what did I add to it?
- What questions do I now have as a result of this seminar?
- Who helped move the dialogue forward? How?
- At what point did the seminar lapse into debate/discussion rather than dialogue? How did the group handle this?
- Did anyone dominate the conversation? How did the group handle this?
- What would I like to do differently as a participant the next time I am in a seminar?

3. **Set Goals:** Be prepared to set goals for improvement in the next seminar.

**Examples of Goal-Setting Questions/Prompts:**

- What will I do differently to make the next seminar better?
- Two things I will do in the next seminar to be a more active listener...
- To be better prepared for the seminar, I will do \_\_\_\_\_ with the text.

# Socratic Seminar Observation Form

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Partner \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Each time your partner does one of the following, put a check in the box.

**A. Speaks in the discussion: (+)**

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**B. Looks at the person who is speaking: (+)**

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**C. Refers to the text: (+)**

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**D. Asks a question: (+)**

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**E. Responds to another speaker: (+)**

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**F. Interrupts another speaker: (-)**

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**G. Engages in side conversation: (-)**

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**After Discussion:** What is the most interesting thing your partner said?

**After Discussion:** What would YOU like to have said in the discussion?

**Score:**

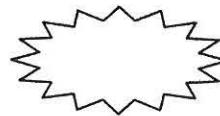
Total from all the checks  
in boxes A – E

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Total from all the checks  
in boxes F – G

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Final participation score



# S.O.A.P.S.Tone Analysis – Guided Inquiry Questions for teachers

The acronym “SOAPSTone” provides students with prompts that give them a strategy for dissecting and interpreting documents or visuals. Whenever readers encounter a document, whether primary or secondary sources, one of the most important skills needed is the ability to determine the purpose and points-of-view (POV’s) that are present in the document. To get to the point of writing an effective POV statement for historical documents, begin by applying SOAPSTone to each document.

Letter	Ideas to Think About
<b>S</b> ubject ( <i>What historic importance is revealed?</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What is the document’s content and subject (i.e. what is it saying)?</li> <li>● How do you know this?</li> <li>● How has the subject been selected and presented by the author?</li> <li>● What ideas or values does the document presuppose in the audience?</li> </ul>
<b>O</b> ccasion ( <i>What is the time, place, situation of the document?</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● When and where was the source produced?</li> <li>● What local, regional, and/or global events prompted the author to create this piece?</li> <li>● What events led to its publication or development?</li> <li>● What conditions needed to exist in order for this document to be created, disseminated and/or preserved?</li> </ul>
<b>A</b> udience ( <i>To whom is this document is directed?</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Does the speaker identify an audience?</li> <li>● If not, who was the likely audience for this piece? For whom was the document created? Was there an unintended audience?</li> <li>● What assumptions can you make about the audience in terms of social class, political affiliations, gender, race/ethnicity, occupation, or relationships to foci of power?</li> <li>● If it is text, does the speaker use language that is specific for a unique audience (SLANG)?</li> <li>● Why is the speaker using this type of language? What is the mode of delivery?</li> <li>● Are there any words or phrases that seem unusual or different (JARGON)?</li> <li>● What background does the speaker assume? Does the speaker evoke God? Nation? Liberty? History? Hell? Science? Human Nature?</li> <li>● Does the speaker allude to traditional, provincial/urbanized, classical, pre-modern or modern themes? Above all, what is the author trying to achieve or gain with this document?</li> </ul>
<b>P</b> urpose ( <i>What is the reason behind the text?</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What is the significance of the document?</li> <li>● What can be inferred about the possible intentions of the document?</li> <li>● In what ways does he/she convey this message?</li> <li>● How was this document communicated to the audience?</li> <li>● How is the speaker trying to spark a reaction in the audience?</li> <li>● What is the speaker and/or author’s purpose?</li> </ul>
<b>S</b> peaker ( <i>Who created the document and what was his/her role in history?</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Is there someone identified as the speaker?</li> <li>● Is the speaker the same as the author?</li> <li>● What facts are known and what inferences can you make about this person? e.g. What class does he/she come from? What political party? What gender? What ethnicity? What religion? What about his/her families?</li> </ul>
<b>T</b> one ( <i>How does document make you feel?</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What is the author’s tone?</li> <li>● What is the author’s mood and how is it conveyed? For what purpose?</li> <li>● What is the emotional state of the speaker and how can you tell?</li> <li>● How is the document supposed to make the reader/viewer feel?</li> </ul>

## Argumentative Essay Structure

### **Introduction**

Hook

Background on the topic (1-3 sentences)

Thesis (Claim)

### **Body 1**

Address the opposition to your point of view on the topic

Overcome the opposition with a strong rebuttal (Topic Sentence)

Evidence (quotation or paraphrase of info)

Elaboration

Elaboration

Evidence (quotation or paraphrase of info)

Elaboration

Elaboration

Concluding Sentence

### **Body 2**

Topic Sentence

Evidence (quotation or paraphrase of info)

Elaboration

Elaboration

Evidence (quotation or paraphrase of info)

Elaboration

Elaboration

Concluding Sentence

### **Body 3**

Topic Sentence

Evidence (quotation or paraphrase of info)

Elaboration

Elaboration

Evidence (quotation or paraphrase of info)

Elaboration

Elaboration

Concluding Sentence

### **Conclusion**

Restate Thesis (possible)

Lasting impression

How does this relate to the real world! (Enduring Understanding)

## Argumentative Essay Structure

### Introduction

Hook

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Background on the topic (1-3 sentences)

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Transition sentence connecting background and thesis

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Thesis (Claim)

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### Body 1

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Concluding Sentence

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**Body 2**

Topic Sentence

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Evidence (quotation or paraphrase of info)

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Concluding Sentence

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**Body 3**

Topic Sentence

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Evidence (quotation or paraphrase of info)

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Elaboration

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Elaboration

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Concluding Sentence

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**Conclusion**

Restate Thesis (using different words than in the thesis)

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Lasting impression

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How does this relate to the real world! (Enduring Understanding)

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Call to Action (What do you want done?)

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**Transition Words and Phrases**

in the first place  
not only ... but also  
as a matter of fact  
in like manner  
in addition  
coupled with  
in the same fashion / way  
first, second, third  
in the light of  
not to mention  
to say nothing of  
equally important  
by the same token

in other words  
to put it differently  
for one thing  
as an illustration  
in this case  
for this reason  
to put it another way  
that is to say  
with attention to  
by all means

important to realize  
another key point  
first thing to remember  
most compelling evidence  
must be remembered  
point often overlooked  
on the negative side  
on the positives ide

again  
to  
and  
also  
then  
equally  
identically  
uniquely  
like  
as  
too

notably  
including  
like  
to be sure  
namely  
chiefly  
truly  
indeed  
certainly  
surely

markedly  
especially  
specifically  
expressively  
surprisingly  
frequently  
significantly

moreover  
as well as  
together with  
of course  
likewise  
comparatively  
correspondingly  
similarly  
furthermore  
additionally

as a result  
under those circumstances  
in that case  
for this reason  
henceforth

although this may be true  
in contrast  
different from  
of course ..., but  
on the other hand  
on the contrary  
at the same time  
in spite of  
even so / though  
be that as it may  
then again  
above all  
in reality  
after all

in fact  
in general  
in particular  
in detail  
to demonstrate  
to emphasize  
to repeat  
to clarify  
to explain  
to enumerate

for  
thus  
because the  
then  
hence

consequently  
therefore  
thereupon  
forthwith  
accordingly

but  
(and) still  
unlike  
or  
(and) yet  
while  
albeit  
besides  
as much as  
even though

although  
instead  
whereas  
despite  
conversely  
otherwise  
however  
rather  
nevertheless  
nonetheless  
regardless  
notwithstanding

if  
... then  
unless

in case  
provided that  
given that  
only / even if  
so that  
so as to  
owing to  
due to

when  
whenever  
since  
while

because of  
as  
since  
while  
lest

inasmuch as

in the event that  
granted (that)  
as / so long as  
on (the) condition (that)  
for the purpose of  
with this intention  
with this in mind  
in the hope that  
to the end that  
for fear that  
in order to  
seeing / being that  
in view of

such as  
for example  
for instance  
to point out  
with this in mind

Effect / Result / Consequence

Opposition / Limitation / Contradiction

Cause / Condition / Purpose

in the middle	here	further
to the left/right	there	beyond
in front of	next	nearby
on this side	where	wherever
in the distance	from	around
here and there	over	before
in the foreground	near	alongside
in the background	above	amid
in the center of	below	among
adjacent to	down	beneath
opposite to	up	beside
	under	behind
	between	across

at the present time	after	henceforth
from time to time	later	whenever
sooner or later	last	eventually
at the same time	until	meanwhile
up to the present time	till	further
to begin with	since	during
in due time	then	first, second
until now	before	in time
as soon as	hence	prior to
as long as		forthwith
in the meantime	when	straightaway
in a moment	once	
without delay	about	by the time
in the first place	next	whenever
all of a sudden	now	
at this instant	now that	

immediately	formerly	instantly
quickly	suddenly	presently
finally	shortly	occasionally

**Conclusion / Summary / Restatement**

as can be seen	after all	overall
generally speaking	in fact	ordinarily
in the final analysis	in summary	usually
all things considered	in conclusion	by and large
as shown above	in short	to sum up
in the long run	in brief	on the whole
given these points	in essence	in any event
as has been noted	to summarize	in either case
in a word	on balance	all in all
for the most part	altogether	

**Conjunctions**

than	<b>Comparison</b>	That	Rel.Pro.	after	Time
rather than		what		as long as	
whether		whatever		as soon as	
as much as		which		before	
whereas		whichever		by the time	

**Subordinating**

though	<b>Concession</b>	Who	Rel.Adj.	once	
although		whoever		since	
even though		whom		till	
while		whomever		until	
if	<b>Condition</b>	whose		when	
only if		where	Place	whenever	
unless		wherever		while	
until					
provided that		because	Reason		
assuming that		since			
even if		so that			
in case (that)		in order (that)			
lest		why			

as . . . as		either . . . or		what with . . . and
just as . . . so		neither . . . nor		whether . . . or
both . . . and				not only . . . but also
hardly . . . when				no sooner . . . than
scarcely . . . when				rather . . . than

<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>S</b>
For	And	Nor	But	Or	Yet	So

## Discourse Features for Embedding Quotations/Evidence

### \*Author Substitutes

Specific names of historical person, famous person, historian, illustrator, engraver, writer, text author, painter, etc.

### Phrases to introduce quotations

The author\* states

points out

shows

comments

remarks

explains

concludes

interprets

stresses

maintains

Insists that

argues

### Phrases to discuss what the author does:

The author depicts

portrays

suggests

Illustrates

personifies

compares

likens

describes

refers to

contrasts

**Phrases to use after a quotation/evidence/information**

This suggest that \_\_\_\_\_

This is significant because \_\_\_\_\_

The \*author stresses that \_\_\_\_\_

The author's point is \_\_\_\_\_

This is relevant to \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_

In other words, the author believes \_\_\_\_\_

These words suggest \_\_\_\_\_

The impact of these words was \_\_\_\_\_

Thereby \_\_\_\_\_

As a result, \_\_\_\_\_

**Verbs to express author's point of view**

admires \_\_\_\_\_

respects \_\_\_\_\_

appreciates \_\_\_\_\_

is inspired by \_\_\_\_\_

is in awe of \_\_\_\_\_

is concerned about \_\_\_\_\_

is motivated by \_\_\_\_\_

is interested in \_\_\_\_\_

Is angered by \_\_\_\_\_

cares about \_\_\_\_\_

hates \_\_\_\_\_

dislikes \_\_\_\_\_

hopes to \_\_\_\_\_

**Sample Sentence Patterns****George Washington argued, “ (insert textual evidence) .”****In other words, he believes (add why this is important or why he said this) .**

## Parenthetical Citation

### What is Parenthetical Citation?

Parenthetical citation is when a writer directly puts into the text a note from where he or she got the information. Parenthetical or “in-text” citation allows your reader to know from what source each idea/fact came.

This is how it looks in the text of your paper:

**“In 2007, 37 percent of American adults sought medical information from the internet regarding a health problem they were experiencing before consulting a doctor” (Smith 38).**

In the example above, notice that the author’s name and the page number on which this fact was found are set off from the text within parenthesis. Note also that the punctuation of this parenthetical citation is also important. The reader would understand from this citation that on page 38 of Smith’s book, this fact is mentioned. Furthermore, since the words are contained within quotes, the above example illustrates that this is a **direct quote** from that page.

Here is an example of the same idea presented as an **indirect quote**:

**Instead of going to a doctor right away, a recent study found that 37 percent of Americans are now turning to the internet for medical information (Smith 38).**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Period \_\_\_\_\_

## Argumentative Essay Writing Reflection

<b>Introduction</b>	
1. <i>What type of hook did you use (anecdote, fact, quote, question)? Was it effective? How could you change it?</i>	_____ _____ _____ _____
2. <i>Did you provide background on the topic in the introduction? Explain.</i>	_____ _____ _____
3. <i>Did you provide a smooth transition from your background information into your thesis sentence? Explain.</i>	_____ _____ _____ _____
4. <i>Did you write a three part thesis? If so, what were your claims? If not, go back to your three topic sentences and write a thesis using your topic sentences as a guide.</i>	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
<b>Body</b>	
5. <i>Did you address a counterargument? How?</i>	_____ _____
6. <i>Did you use transitions between paragraphs? Between ideas?</i>	_____ _____

6. Have you written clear topic sentences that state opinionated reasons for the stated claim you made in the thesis?	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____
7. Have you used at least one quote in each body paragraph to substantiate (support) your claim?	_____ _____ _____ _____
8. Did you explain each of your quotes and how it proves your position is correct? Provide an example.	_____ _____ _____ _____
9. Do each of your body paragraphs end with a concluding sentence?	_____ _____ _____
<b>Conclusion</b>	
10. Does your conclusion begin by restating your thesis using different words?	_____ _____ _____ _____
11. Did you have a call to action?	_____ _____
12. Did you explain how your solution will benefit people, society, etc.?	_____ _____ _____ _____

Finally, evaluate your own writing. What score would you give yourself on the SAUSD Writing Rubric? \_\_\_\_\_ Explain why you gave yourself this score.

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Criterion	Standard Exceeded	Standard Met	Standard Nearly Met	Standard Not Met	
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Focus/Claim	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Insightfully addresses all aspects of the prompt</li> <li>• Introduces precise claim(s) in a sophisticated thesis statement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competently addresses all aspects of the prompt</li> <li>• Introduces reasonable claim(s) in a clear thesis statement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ineffectively addresses all aspects of the prompt</li> <li>• Introduces claim(s) in a thesis statement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partially addresses aspects of the prompt</li> <li>• Introduces superficial or flawed claim(s) in a weak thesis statement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimally addresses some aspect of the prompt</li> <li>• Fails to introduce a relevant claim and/or lacks a thesis statement</li> </ul>
Organization/Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skillfully introduces reader to topic(s) in introduction</li> <li>• Thoroughly develops claim(s) with relevant body paragraphs</li> <li>• Provides a meaningful and reflective concluding statement which draws from and supports claim(s)</li> <li>• Creates cohesion through skillful use of transition/linking words, phrases, and clauses within and between paragraphs</li> <li>• Includes purposeful and logical progression of ideas from beginning to end</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduces reader to topic(s) in introduction</li> <li>• Develops claim(s) with relevant body paragraphs</li> <li>• Provides a concluding statement that follows from and supports claim(s)</li> <li>• Creates cohesion through transition/linking words, phrases, and clauses within and between paragraphs</li> <li>• Includes logical progression of ideas from beginning to end</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partially introduces reader to topic(s) in introduction</li> <li>• Does not thoroughly develop claim(s) with body paragraphs</li> <li>• Provides a concluding statement which repetitively or partially supports claim(s)</li> <li>• Creates some cohesion through basic transition/linking words, phrases, and/or clauses within or between paragraphs</li> <li>• Includes adequate progression of ideas from beginning to end</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inadequately introduces reader to topic(s) in introduction</li> <li>• Inadequately develops claim(s) with minimal body paragraphs</li> <li>• Provides an inadequate concluding statement</li> <li>• Uses limited and/or inappropriate transition/linking words, phrases, or clauses</li> <li>• Includes uneven progression of ideas from beginning to end</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fails to introduce reader to topic(s) in introduction or introduction is missing</li> <li>• Fails to develop claim(s) with body paragraphs</li> <li>• Omits concluding statement</li> <li>• Uses few to no transition/linking words, phrases, or clauses</li> <li>• Includes little or no discernible organization of ideas</li> </ul>
Evidence/Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides substantial and pertinent evidence to support claim(s)</li> <li>• Effectively integrates and cites credible sources and/or text evidence</li> <li>• Convincingly refutes specific counter-claim(s)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides sufficient and relevant evidence to support claim(s)</li> <li>• Competently integrates and cites credible sources and/or text evidence</li> <li>• Competently refutes specific counter-claim(s)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides minimal and/or superficial evidence to support claim(s)</li> <li>• Ineffectively integrates or cites adequate sources and/or text evidence</li> <li>• Minimally refutes specific counter-claim(s)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides inadequate and/or irrelevant evidence to support claim(s)</li> <li>• Incorrectly integrates or cites sources and/or text evidence that may not be credible</li> <li>• Acknowledges alternate or opposing claim(s)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides inaccurate, little, or no evidence to support claim(s)</li> <li>• Does not use or cite sources and/or text evidence</li> <li>• Fails to acknowledge alternate or opposing claim(s)</li> </ul>
Analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shows insightful understanding of topic or text</li> <li>• Uses persuasive and valid reasoning to connect evidence with claim(s)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shows competent understanding of topic or text</li> <li>• Uses valid reasoning to connect evidence with claim(s)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shows superficial understanding of topic or text</li> <li>• Uses some valid and accurate reasoning to connect evidence with claim(s)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shows limited and/or flawed understanding of topic or text</li> <li>• Uses limited, simplistic and/or flawed reasoning to connect evidence with claim(s)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shows no and/or inaccurate understanding of topic or text</li> <li>• Reasoning is missing or does not connect evidence with claim(s)</li> </ul>
Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses purposeful and varied sentence structure</li> <li>• Contains minimal to no errors in conventions (grammar, punctuation, spelling, capitalization)</li> <li>• Strategically uses academic and domain-specific vocabulary clearly appropriate for the audience and purpose</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses correct and varied sentence structure</li> <li>• Contains few, minor errors in conventions</li> <li>• Competently uses academic and domain-specific vocabulary clearly appropriate for the audience and purpose</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses mostly correct and some varied sentence structure</li> <li>• Contains some errors in conventions which may cause confusion</li> <li>• Superficially uses academic and domain-specific vocabulary clearly appropriate for the audience and purpose</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses limited and/or repetitive sentence structure</li> <li>• Contains numerous errors in conventions which cause confusion</li> <li>• Inadequately uses academic and domain-specific vocabulary clearly appropriate for the audience and purpose</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lacks sentence mastery (e.g., fragments/run-ons)</li> <li>• Contains serious and pervasive errors in conventions</li> <li>• Fails to use academic and domain-specific vocabulary clearly appropriate for the audience and purpose</li> </ul>

Papers receiving a 0 are unable to be scored for one of the following reasons: illegibility, no response (blank), completely off topic, written in a language other than English.



**Teacher:**

<b>Unit:</b> <i>The Giver</i>	<b>Grade Level/Course:</b> 8th/ELA	<b>Duration:</b> 5 to 7 days <b>Date:</b>
<b>Big Idea:</b> Societal structure has the power to promote or limit freedom, choice, and desire.		
<b>Essential Questions:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How can societal rules help or hurt us?</li> <li>2. How can society balance individualism with responsibility to community?</li> <li>3. Think of our current society – what aspects of utopias and dystopias do we have?</li> <li>4. When should one conform to the wishes or rules of others?</li> <li>5. How do personal choices impact a society?</li> </ol>		
<b>Common Core and Content Standards</b>	<p><b>Content Standards:</b></p> <p>RL.8.1. Cite textual evidence to support analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text</p> <p>RL.8.2. Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text.</p> <p>RI.8.2 Determine a central idea of a text and analyze its development over the course of the text including its relationship to support ideas; provide an objective summary of the text.</p> <p>RI.8.3 Analyze how a text makes connections.</p> <p>W.8.1. Write arguments to support claims with clear reasons and relevant evidence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Introduce claim(s), acknowledge and distinguish the claim(s) from alternate or opposing claims, and organize the reasons and evidence logically.</li> <li>b. Support claim(s) with logical reasoning and relevant evidence, using accurate, credible sources and demonstrating an understanding of the topic or text.</li> <li>d. Establish and maintain a formal style.</li> <li>e. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from and supports the argument presented.</li> </ul> <p>W.8.2. Write informative/explanatory texts to examine a topic and convey ideas, concepts, and information through the selection, organization, and analysis of relevant content.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Introduce a topic or thesis statement; organize ideas, concepts, and information, using strategies such as definition, classification, comparison/contrast, and cause/effect; include formatting (e.g., headings), graphics (e.g., charts, tables), and multimedia when useful to aiding comprehension.</li> <li>b. Develop the topic with relevant facts, definitions, concrete details, quotations, or other information and examples.</li> <li>c. Use appropriate transitions to clarify the relationships among ideas and concepts.</li> <li>d. Use precise language and domain specific vocabulary to inform about or explain the topic.</li> <li>e. Establish and maintain a formal style.</li> <li>f. Provide a concluding statement or section that follows from the information or explanation presented.</li> </ul> <p>W.8.4. Produce clear and coherent writing in which the development, organization,</p>	

	<p>and style are appropriate to task, purpose, and audience.</p> <p>W.8.5. With some guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, editing, rewriting, or trying a new approach, focusing on how well purpose and audience have been addressed.</p> <p>W.8.7. Conduct short research projects to answer a question (including a self-generated question), drawing on several sources and generating additional related, focused questions that allow for multiple avenues of exploration.</p> <p>W.8.8. Gather relevant information from multiple print and digital sources.</p> <p>W.8.9 Draw evidence from literary or informational texts to support analysis, reflection, and research</p> <p>W.8.10 Write routinely.</p> <p>SL.8.1. Engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions (one-on-one, in groups, and teacher led) with diverse partners on grade 8 topics, texts, and issues, building on others' ideas and expressing their own clearly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Come to discussions prepared, having read or studied required material; explicitly draw on that preparation by referring to evidence on the topic, text, or issue to probe and reflect on ideas under discussion.</li> <li>b. Follow rules for collegial discussions, set specific goals and deadlines, and define individual roles as needed.</li> <li>c. Pose and respond to specific questions with elaboration and detail by making comments that contribute to the topic, text, or issue under discussion.</li> <li>d. Review the key ideas expressed and demonstrate understanding of multiple perspectives through reflection and paraphrasing.</li> </ul> <p>SL.8.2 Analyze information from media.</p>
<b>Materials/ Resources/ Lesson Preparation</b>	<p><b>Culture Project:</b>  <i>The Giver</i> novel  Access to technology for research about other communities  Access to technology for slideshows, iMovie, or WeVideo (<a href="http://www.wevideo.com">www.wevideo.com</a>)  Access to technology for pictures and maps  Project boards  Drawing supplies, such as markers and colored pencils  Scissors and glue  Cornell note forms or paper  Paper or access to google draw to create Double Bubble Thinking Maps or venn diagrams  Assignment directions and rubric</p> <p><b>Color Project:</b>  <i>The Giver</i> novel  Access to technology for research about how the eye perceives color  Construction paper or other paper for drawings  Drawing supplies, such as markers and colored pencils (or paint)  Cornell note forms or paper  Access to google drive or paper for reflection and explanation  Assignment directions and rubric</p>

	<p><b>Island Project:</b>  <i>The Giver</i> novel  Seating assignments conducive to group work  Access to technology to create a slideshow for proposal to elders  Construction paper to create a brochure for proposal  Project board for proposal  Drawing supplies, such as markers and colored pencils (or paint)  Self-reflection  Assignment directions and rubric</p> <p><b>Create Your Personal Utopia:</b>  <i>The Giver</i> novel  Access to technology in order to find and print illustrations for utopia  Access to technology if presenting virtual utopia (i.e. Minecraft or other digital format)  Construction paper to create personal utopia  Drawing supplies, such as markers and colored pencils (or paint)  Scissors and glue  Self-reflection  Assignment directions and rubric</p>		
<b>Objectives</b>	<p><b>Content:</b>  Students will synthesize evidence from multiple sources by creating a project that evaluates the power of social structure.</p>	<p><b>Language:</b>  Students will create paragraphs for their projects by writing varied sentences using independent and dependent clauses.</p>	
<b>Depth of Knowledge Level</b>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Level 1: Recall</b>      <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Level 2: Skill/Concept</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Level 3: Strategic Thinking</b>    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Level 4: Extended Thinking</b></p>		
<b>College and Career Ready Skills</b>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Demonstrating independence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building strong content knowledge</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responding to varying demands of audience, task, purpose, and discipline <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Valuing evidence</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comprehending as well as critiquing</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Using technology and digital media strategically and capably</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coming to understand other perspectives and cultures</p>		
<b>Common Core Instructional Shifts</b>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Building knowledge through content-rich nonfiction texts</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reading and writing grounded from text</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular practice with complex text and its academic vocabulary</p>		
<b>Academic Vocab</b>	<b>TEACHER PROVIDES SIMPLE EXPLANATION</b>	<b>KEY WORDS ESSENTIAL TO UNDERSTANDING</b>	<b>WORDS WORTH KNOWING</b>

<b>bular y (Tier II &amp; Tier III)</b>		
	STUDENTS FIGURE OUT THE MEANING	
<b>Pre-teaching Considerations</b>		
<b>Lesson Delivery Comprehension</b>		
<b>Instructional Methods</b>	<p><b>Check method(s) used in the lesson:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modeling    <input type="checkbox"/> Guided Practice    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collaboration    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent Practice  <input type="checkbox"/> Guided Inquiry    <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reflection</p>	
<b><u>Lesson Overview</u></b>	<p>As the culminating task for <i>The Giver</i> Unit, students have the option to collaboratively or individually create a project that exhibits their understanding of how societal structure has the power to promote or limit freedom, choice, and desire. The projects will include evidence from written texts, online research, and video sources, as well as argumentative justification for student conclusions about societal structure and its power. Teachers and students are given multiple project opportunities in which to display this knowledge. To prepare for this task, students will practice identifying and writing independent and dependent clauses so that their sentence structure is varied and engaging. Students will also review prior learning.</p>	
<b>Preparing the Learner</b>	<p><b>Independent and Dependent Clause Practice</b></p> <p><b>Step One:</b> Tell students that as preparation for the writing portions of the various projects they will practice writing sentences using varied sentence structure.</p> <p><b>Step Two:</b> Tell students this practice will include learning about, identifying, and writing sentences with independent and dependent clauses.</p> <p><b>Step Three:</b> Ensure students have access to a technological device that supports youtube. Alternately, teacher can use a device and show the video to the class as a whole group.</p> <p><b>Step Three:</b> Pass out Cornell Notes on independent and dependent clauses (Resource 6.1) to students. Explain to students that they will be completing the notes based on the youtube video. Tell them they can start and stop the video based on their own learning needs. Point out that they have independent practice to complete at the end of the notes section. For full credit they should complete the questions in the margins and the summary at the bottom. Tell them to ignore the quiz portion at this time.</p>	

	<p><b>Step Four:</b> Direct them to the youtube link below:</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xTZifhX5AQs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xTZifhX5AQs</a></p>
<b>Interacting with the Text</b>	<p>Have students watch the video and take the notes. Tell them to keep their notes.</p> <p><b>Step Five:</b> Next, tell students that they will be playing a game online to practice their knowledge of clauses. They should choose a partner to play with or alternately, the teacher can assign partners. Students may also work alone if necessary. Tell them to go to the following website to play the game:</p> <p><a href="http://www.quia.com/cb/117062.html">http://www.quia.com/cb/117062.html</a></p> <p><b>Step Six:</b> Tell students to take out their Cornell Notes for the next activity. Tell students they will take an online quiz. Guide students to the next website link:</p> <p><a href="http://esl.fis.edu/grammar/multi/clauses.htm">http://esl.fis.edu/grammar/multi/clauses.htm</a></p> <p>Explain the directions for the quiz are on the far left and that they need to focus on the words that are in red. Tell them to record their scores on the bottom of the Cornell Notes in the appropriate section.</p> <p><b>Step Seven:</b> Teacher collects notes and reviews quiz scores. Based on scores, teacher decides if any students need additional support or re-teaching.</p>
<b>Extending Understanding</b>	<p><b>Review Prior Learning</b></p> <p><b>Step One:</b> Share and review the summary slide worksheets from each lesson to prepare for the culminating projects.</p> <p><b>Step Two:</b> Review each of the possible projects that students can choose to complete or have students divide into collaborative groups and decide together which project that they would like to work on.</p> <p>The Projects are as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Culture Project (Resource 6.2)</b></p> <p>The culture in The Giver is much different than what you or I experience every day. You will need to research one of the following cultural groups</p> <p><b>Differentiated Instruction:</b></p> <p><b>English Learners:</b> Students will use novel resources previously learned and discussed in the unit to guide projects. Instructional videos and grammar practice games are online for</p>

	<p>and compare it to mainstream American culture (use Santa Ana as your base) as well as the culture in The Giver. You may select one of the following cultural groups to research:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Amish</li> <li>2. The Hutterian Brethren</li> <li>3. The Hasidic Jews</li> <li>4. The Sabbath Day Lake Shakers</li> <li>5. The Quakers</li> </ol> <p>Please complete the following in order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Research and take notes on the pertinent information you find with your selected cultural group.</li> <li>2. Take notes on daily life here in Santa Ana, CA. (Use your double bubble from Chapters 1 - 5.)</li> <li>3. Take notes on what you know about the community in The Giver.</li> <li>5. Include a six paragraph write-up which highlights the pro's and con's to each community based upon your point of view.</li> <li>6. Include a few different pictures or maps to help others understand of the differences between our community and the one you researched.</li> <li>7. Share with group.</li> </ol> <p><b>Color Project (Resource 6.3)</b></p> <p>Learn about colors – There's More than Meets the Eye... (If you are not artistic, this choice is not for you)</p> <p>While Jonas was throwing an apple back and forth, he suddenly noticed that it changed. He was beginning to perceive color. You will need to learn how color is perceived by the human eye. You will also need to learn about the primary colors, the color spectrum, and color mixing.</p> <p>You may visit the following websites to get more information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://acept.la.asu.edu/PiN/mod/light/colorspectrum/pattLight3.html">http://acept.la.asu.edu/PiN/mod/light/colorspectrum/pattLight3.html</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://home.att.net/~B-P.TRUSCIO/COLOR.htm">http://home.att.net/~B-P.TRUSCIO/COLOR.htm</a></li> <li>• <a href="http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/Colormixing.shtml">http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/Colormixing.shtml</a></li> </ul> <p>1. Write 2-3 paragraphs reflecting what you have learned from your research in regards to how the human eye perceives color.</p>	<p>additional viewings to assist in mastering concepts.</p> <p><b>Students Who Need Additional Support:</b></p> <p>Students may work in groups to complete the performance task.</p> <p><b>Accelerated Learners:</b></p> <p>Clause practice:  <a href="http://home.comcast.net/~tgeorges/write/lesson13.htm">http://home.comcast.net/~tgeorges/write/lesson13.htm</a></p> <p>Choice of Performance task.</p> <p><b>Special Education:</b></p> <p>Modify projects as needed.</p>
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	<p>2. You are going to bring the utopian society from The Giver to life by adding color.</p> <p>3. Think of a favorite scene from the story or one you find most important to the movement of the story.</p> <p>4. Your task is to paint and/or draw this scene from the book in full color.</p> <p>5. You will present your painting to your group and explain what scene from the book you chose to paint.</p> <p>6. After sharing your painting to the class you will need to turn in your paragraphs and painting for this project.</p> <p>7. Items to turn in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Two-three paragraphs reflection on how the human eye perceives color.</li><li>b. Your painting of an important scene from the book.</li><li>c. Two-three paragraphs explanation of why this scene was important to show in color</li></ul>	
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#### **Island Project (Resource 6.4)**

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**Key Criteria:** Specifically, you are being asked to address the following issues: marriage, family planning, euthanasia, career and educational choices, government monitoring of individual behavior, the elimination of natural feelings and memories, book censorship and the necessity for a Receiver.

**Product:** Choose 3 of the most important issues and state how and why you would change them.

You must justify your reasons in a proposal to the Committee of Elders. You will be provided with the format for the proposal.

**Self-Assessment:** Each member will fill out a self-assessment. Discuss your contribution to the group, your strengths and weaknesses. What would you do better next time?

<b>Extending Understanding</b>	<p><b>The Giver Utopian Community Project (Resource 6.5)</b></p> <p>A utopia is defined as an ideally perfect place. In the novel The Giver, Jonas lives in a utopian world designed to provide food, shelter and safety to the people of the community. If you had to design your “perfect world”, what would it look like? What would life be like for the people who live in your community?</p> <p><b>What would be special about your community that would make other people want to join it?</b></p> <p>You are going to be designing your own utopian world. Your project will include information about the following areas. Under each category, you must supply enough information to inform others of your community and entice them to join. (See <b>Resource 6.5</b> for the remaining directions for this project)</p> <p><b>Step Three:</b></p> <p>Open the following link, rename it and then share with your students so they can sign up for their project  <a href="https://docs.google.com/a/sausdlearns.net/forms/d/1si-BD-nMFxcWoRAfCgio2fSQt3PUM4ZuGpBmyalK-XE/Copy"><u>https://docs.google.com/a/sausdlearns.net/forms/d/1si-BD-nMFxcWoRAfCgio2fSQt3PUM4ZuGpBmyalK-XE/Copy</u></a></p> <p><b>Step Four:</b> Allow students two class periods to complete their project, if they need more time, this work should be divide equally between group members and completed as homework.</p> <p><b>Step Five:</b> Students will share their digital project link on the Canvas Discussion Board titled <a href="#"><u>“The Giver Digital Project.”</u></a> Students will view and respond to two other student groups and give constructive feedback using the rubric from <b>Resource 6.6</b> as your guide.</p>	
<b>Lesson Reflection</b>		
<b>Teacher Reflection Evidenced by Student Learning/Outcomes</b>		

Cornell Notes	Topic/Objective: <i>The Giver</i> Students will understand dependent and independent clauses by watching a video and practicing with sentences. <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xTZifhX5AQs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xTZifhX5AQs</a>	Name: Class/Period: Date:
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Essential Question: What is the difference between dependent and independent clauses and how do you use them correctly?

Questions:	Notes: Define characteristics of independent and dependent clauses:
(Write at least two new questions you have about this concept.)	An independent clause
	1. 2. 3. 4.
	A dependent clause
	1. 2. 3. 4.
	How do we know when we have a dependent clause?
	What is a subordinating conjunction?
	List at least six subordinating conjunctions you would use:

Questions:	Notes:
(Write at least two new questions you have about this lesson.)	Make the dependent clauses into complete sentences:  <b>While</b> you were sleeping happily in your bed,  <b>When</b> I hear your beautiful voice,
	Practice:
	Form two sentences that have a dependent clause using your list of subordinate conjunctions from above: (for example while, when, as)
	1.
	2.
	Use this space to record your quiz results <u>after</u> you play the game:
	1. Go to this website for the quiz: <a href="http://esl.fis.edu/grammar/multi/clauses.htm">http://esl.fis.edu/grammar/multi/clauses.htm</a> 2. I received ____ /30 for ____ %.
<b>Summary:</b> (Write about one new concept you learned, one aspect of the learning that interested you, and how you can use your new learning.)	



## Culture Project

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1. Amish
2. The Hutterian Brethren
3. The Hasidic Jews
4. The Sabbath Day Lake Shakers
5. The Quakers

Please complete the following in order:

1. Research and take notes on the pertinent information you find with your selected cultural group.
2. Take notes on daily life here in Santa Ana, CA. (Use your double bubble from Chapters 1 - 5.)
3. Take notes on what you know about the community in The Giver.
5. Include a six paragraph write-up which highlights the pro's and con's to each community based upon your point of view.
6. Include a few different pictures or maps to help others understand of the differences between our community and the one you researched.
7. Share with group.

### Culture Project Rubric Criteria:

Research:            1            2            3            4

Key elements in each society were identified for similarities and differences.

Ideas:            1            2            3            4

Write up of the pro's and con's of each community is based upon your point of view and research.

Conventions:        1            2            3            4

Limited errors in capitalization, end marks, spelling, comma usage, and semi-colon usage.

Use of Media Research:        1            2            3            4

Appropriate research skills to enhance the text.

All research must be done by media.

Total: \_\_\_\_\_/16

## Color Project

Learn about colors – There's More than Meets the Eye... (If you are not artistic, this choice is not for you)

While Jonas was throwing an apple back and forth, he suddenly noticed that it changed. He was beginning to perceive color. You will need to learn how color is perceived by the human eye. You will also need to learn about the primary colors, the color spectrum, and color mixing.

You may visit the following websites to get more information:

- <http://acept.la.asu.edu/PiN/mod/light/colorspectrum/pattLight3.html>
- <http://home.att.net/~B-P.TRUSCIO/COLOR.htm>
- <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/Colormixing.shtml>

1. Write 2-3 paragraphs reflecting what you have learned from your research in regards to how the human eye perceives color.
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7. Items to turn in:
  - a. Two-three paragraphs reflection on how the human eye perceives color.
  - b. Your painting of an important scene from the book.
  - c. Two-three paragraphs explanation of why this scene was important to show in color

**Color Project Rubric Criteria:**

Organization:        1                  2                  3                  4

Two-three paragraphs reflection on how the human eye perceives color.

Ideas:        1                  2                  3                  4

Two-three paragraphs explanation of why this scene was important to show in color.

Conventions:        1                  2                  3                  4

Limited errors in grammar, capitalization, spelling, and punctuation.

Use of art:        1                  2                  3                  4

Appropriate art skills to enhance the text.

All painting must be done by hand; no clip art or computer generated work.

Total: \_\_\_\_\_/16

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**Self-Assessment:** Each member will fill out a self-assessment. Discuss your contribution to the group, your strengths and weaknesses. What would you do better next time?

## **Island Project Rubric Criteria:**

Organization:

1      2      3      4

Two-three paragraphs reflection on how the human eye perceives color.

Ideas:

1      2      3      4

Two-three paragraphs explanation of why this scene was important to show in color.

Conventions:

1      2      3      4

Limited errors in capitalization, end marks, spelling, comma usage, and semi-colon usage.

Use of Media Research:

1      2      3      4

Appropriate research skills to enhance the text.

All research must be done by media.

Total: \_\_\_\_\_/16

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## The Giver Utopian Community Project

A utopia is defined as an ideally perfect place. In the novel The Giver, Jonas lives in a utopian world designed to provide food, shelter and safety to the people of the community. If you had to design your “perfect world”, what would it look like? What would life be like for the people who live in your community?

**What would be special about your community that would make other people want to join it?**

You are going to be designing your own utopian world. Your project will include information about the following areas. Under each category, you must supply enough information to inform others of your community and entice them to join.



**Government:** Every community needs laws, otherwise there would be chaos.

Name 10 rules or laws in your community.

Who makes the laws?

How are the laws enforced?

Is your community a **democracy**? A **dictatorship**? A **monarchy**?

What happens when a person in the community breaks a law?

**You should write at least 10 sentences about your government.**



**Education:** School is a way of preparing kids to be successful members of the community.

What will school be like in your community?

What will be taught and what subjects will be required?

How will education serve the community?

How will schools in your community be different from schools in your community now?

**You should write at least 8 sentences about your educational system.**



**Family:** Think about the families in your utopian community.

What are families going to be like in your community?

Are the families going to be:

**Matriarchal** – Controlled by the mothers of the family

**Patriarchal** – Controlled by the father of the family

**Neither** matriarchal or patriarchal

How many kids should each family have? Is it regulated? Why or why not?

Does everyone in each family live in the same dwelling? Why or why not?

**You should write at least 8 sentences about the families in your community.**



### **Housing:** Neighborhoods/Individual family dwellings

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What are the neighborhoods like in your community?

Do people live in separate houses? In townhouses? In apartments? In tents?

Describe the dwellings in your community. Are all of the houses the same or different? Explain why you chose to design the houses and communities that way.

**You should write at least 8 sentences about the housing that you provide for the people in your community.**



### **Employment:** Think about the jobs people must have to help your community function.

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Choose 5 important jobs to describe. For each job, include at least 5 sentences describing

- the title of the job
- the function of the job
- the type of people chosen for the job
- how people are chosen for the job
- how people are trained for the job

Include a picture of what a person employed in this job might look like (uniforms, etc).



### **Money:**

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Is there a system of money in your community?

If the answer is **yes**:

Draw a picture of your money (coins and paper money)

What is your money called?

If the answer is **no**:

Why don't you have money?

How do you "pay" people for their jobs?

How do people get what they need to survive?

**You should write at least 5 sentences on the system of money in your community?**



### **Transportation:**

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How do people get around in your community? Is there a system of mass transit? Why or why not?

**REMEMBER, IF YOUR COMMUNITY IS VERY LARGE, YOU SHOULD HAVE A WAY FOR PEOPLE TO GET AROUND QUICKLY!!!!**

**You should write at least 3 sentences about your system of transportation in your community.**



### **Environment/Climate:** Think about where you would have your community built.

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What is the climate like in your community? Tropical? Arctic? Do the seasons change?

Are there animals in your community? What kinds? Are they pets or wild? Why?

**You should write at least 5 sentences about the environment and climate of your community.**



### **Recreation:**

What is recreation like in your community?

How much time do most people spend on recreation each week?

What do people do for fun in your utopian community?

Does the government control how people spend their free time?

How is this different from the way people spend their free time in the community that you live in now?

**You should write at least 5 sentences about recreation in your community.**



### **Technology:**

How does your community view technology?

Are they technologically advanced? Do the people live a more simple life?

**You should write at least 3 sentences about the technology in your community.**



### **Additional Information:**



Name your community. BE CREATIVE!!!!!!



Design a flag for your community. Think about color symbolism.



Draw an overview map of your community. Make sure to label:

- Houses
- Schools
- Business district (stores, etc.)
- Roads
- Government buildings
- Areas for recreation
- Any additional areas that are important for your community

When creating your utopian community, be **creative** and **unique**. The “perfect” society would only expect that...right???

**You will be presenting your finished communities to the rest of the class. The goal of your presentation is to persuade the people in your class to be a part of your community. So, be persuasive and make your community look appealing.**

## Multimedia Project : Digital Presentation Rubric

CATEGORY	4	3	2	1
<b>Organization</b>	Student presents information in logical, interesting sequence which audience can follow.	Student presents information in logical sequence which audience can follow, but the overall organization of topics is basic.	Content is logically organized for the most part, but audience could have some difficulty following presentation.	There is no sequence of information, just a series of facts.
<b>Content Knowledge</b>	Covers topic in-depth with details and examples. Subject knowledge is excellent.	Includes essential knowledge about the topic. Subject knowledge appears to be good, but student doesn't elaborate.	Includes some essential information about the topic and/or there are a few factual errors.	Content is minimal and/or there are several factual errors.
<b>Visual Attractiveness</b>	Student used visuals to reinforce presentation and makes excellent use of font, color, graphics, effects, etc. to enhance the presentation.	Visuals related to text and presentation. Student makes good use of font, color, graphics, effects, etc. to enhance to presentation.	Student occasionally used visuals that rarely supported text and presentation. Student makes use of font, color, graphics, effects, etc. but occasionally these detract from the presentation content.	Student used little to no visuals and/or use of font, color, graphics, effects etc.distract from the presentalon content.
<b>Mechanics</b>	No misspellings or grammatical errors.	Three or fewer misspellings and/or mechanical errors.	Four misspellings and/or grammatical errors.	More than 4 errors in spelling or grammar.