

GALE SCAVENGER HUNT: THE GIVER

Gale In Context: Literature

Directions: *The Giver* is a Newbery Medal winning fantasy novel written by Lois Lowry. Released in 1993, the story follows a twelve-year-old boy named Jonas, who lives in a society that has found a way to remove all pain from its members' existence. Access *Gale In Context: Literature* to answer the following questions about *The Giver*.

From the **Themes** portion of the home page, select **Hero's Journey**. Open **The Giver Topic Page**. Write your answer and cite the source for each answer.

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The Giver has been cited by the American Library Association as one of the novels most often banned or criticized in schools. This is due to some themes in the novel. Using the Themes and Construction **Reference** document from 2015, choose one theme and provide examples from the story that illustrate this theme. Do you think this makes the novel worthy of banning? Explain.

Answer:

Source:

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The Giver follows the hero's journey narrative pattern. Read more about this pattern in the **Reference** section of the topic page. Describe Jonas's departure, initiation, and return. How does his return differ from the traditional?

Answer:

Source:

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View the **Full Overview** on the Giver **Topic Page**. Using the Pros and Cons sidebar, plus your knowledge from reading the novel, do you think the negatives outweigh the positives? List some additional pros and cons that you have identified. Would you like to live in this form of society? Why or why not?

Answer:

Source:

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Watch the **Video** of Lois Lowry explaining where she got her idea for *The Giver*. What inspired her to write this novel? When does she say it takes place? What year do you think it takes place? Explain.

Answer:

Source:

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Answer: Answers will vary, but themes to support include the importance of the individual, the presence of social rules, and the existence of memory.

Source: "Themes and Construction: The Giver." Gale Middle School Online Collection, Gale, 2015. GaleInContext:Literature,link.gale.com/apps/doc/JQDKAH088292577/LITIC?u=[INSERTLOCID]&sid=bookmark-LITIC&xid=545cb823. Accessed 25 Sept. 2023.

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Answer: Jonas's departure begins with the Ceremony of 12 when he is named the Receiver of Memory, and the aftermath as he reads over the rules of his new position. His initiation includes the training he undergoes with the Giver receiving memories. His initiation climaxes with him escaping the community. Instead of the traditional return, Jonas is tasked with crossing the barrier and finding the cabin from his received memory of family and attempting to change the world and end Sameness.

Source: "The Hero's Journey." Gale In Context: Literature, Gale, 2023. Gale In Context: Literature,link.gale.com/apps/doc/VHCBOH644588284/LITIC?u=[INSERTLOCID]&sid=bookmark-LITIC&xid=85014abc. Accessed 25 Sept. 2023.

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Answer: Answers will vary.

Source: "The Giver." Gale In Context: Literature, Gale, 2023. Gale In Context: Literature, link.gale.com/apps/doc/GXJOLU473261705/LITIC?u=hroudebush&sid=bookmark-LITIC&xid=710def3f. Accessed 25 Sept. 2023.

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Answer: Lois Lowry was inspired by her father losing his memory in his old age. She says the story takes place sometime in the future. Student guesses and explanations will vary.

Source: "Lois Lowry—Where did your idea for 'The Giver' come from?" Lois Lowry—Where did your idea for "The Giver" come from?, 1 Jan. 2010. Gale In Context: Literature, link.gale.com/apps/doc/PQYFCH515925398/LITIC?u=[INSERTLOCID]&sid=bookmark-LITIC&xid=26184bb7. Accessed 25 Sept. 2023.