The Giver- Comprehension Questions

Chapter #1
1. What have you learned about the society in which Jonas lives?
2. How is Jonas’ family like your family and different from your family?
3. How is the care of children different in Jonas’ world from your world?

Chapter #2
1. Identify these items from the book: -Ceremony of One, -Ceremony of Nine, -Naming, - Comfort Objects, -Bicycles
2. What rules does Jonas’ father disobey?
3. How do people receive their Assignment?

Chapter #3
1. What about the society is revealed by the reaction to eye colour?
2. What is a Birthmother?
3. How was Jonas disciplined for taking an apple home?
4. Why had the apple intrigued Jonas?

Chapter #4
1. What seems to be the purpose of the volunteer hours?
2. What are the Releasing Room and the releasing ceremony?

Chapter #5
1. What is the morning ritual?
2. Why must Jonas start taking a pill every day?
3. How are you feeling about the society in the book?

Chapter #6
1. What is interdependence? Give an example of interdependence from your experiences.
2. What is the difference in the book between loss and release? Why do you think the author points out the distinction on page 44?
3. Who makes the important decisions in the book’s society?

Chapter #7
1. How does the Ceremony of Twelve start?
2. What do the numbers mean for each person?
3. What do you think Jonas’ Assignment will be?

Chapter #8
1. What is announced as Jonas’ Assignment? What is the job?
2. What qualities does the Chief Elder explain Jonas will need?
Chapter #9
1. What happened to the Receiver selection that failed?
2. What are Jonas’ instructions for his Receiver training? Why are the rules particularly puzzling?

Chapter #10
1. What does Jonas notice about the Receiver of Memory’s dwelling?
2. Why is it important to save the memories?
3. How will the old Receiver transmit the memory of snow to Jonas?

Chapter #11
1. Once Jonas receives the snow and sledding, how does he feel?
2. What other memories are transmitted on this day of training?
3. Why did the book’s world eliminate sunshine and hills?

Chapter #12
1. What is Jonas’ first lie?
2. Why doesn’t Jonas tell his friends about his training?
3. Why don’t the people in the book perceive colours?

Chapter #13
1. What does The Giver share of his personal family life?
2. What are you feeling about the book’s way of life?

Chapter #14
1. How does Jonas react when The Giver gives him memory of breaking a leg in sledding? How does Jonas’ understanding and growing wisdom increase after he experiences that pain?
2. How does Jonas calm Gabriel?
3. Why does Jonas decide not to confess giving a memory away?

Chapter #15
1. Why do you think this chapter is so short?
2. Why does The Giver say, “Forgive Me”?

Chapter #16
1. How does Jonas learn of love?
2. Why are grandparents a new idea for Jonas?
3. What provokes Jonas’ first lie to his parent?

Chapter #17
1. Why does Jonas stop taking his daily pill?
2. How is Gabe proceeding?
Chapter #18
1. What was the story of Rosemary?
2. Why does The Giver advise Jonas to stay away from the river?

Chapter #19
1. How does The Giver feel about Rosemary’s release?

Chapter #20
1. Why does Jonas refuse to go home?
2. What is the plan Jonas and The Giver hatch?
3. What are the specifics of the escape plan? Will Jonas succeed in his escape?

Chapter #21
1. What makes Jonas’ escape plan fall apart?
2. Is Jonas justified in his escape?

Chapter #22
1. What new dangers does Jonas encounter in Chapter #22?
2. In which different ways does Jonas think about starvation?

Chapter #23
1. What weather conditions impede Jonas’ progress toward Elsewhere?
2. How do Jonas and Gabe finally get to safety?