Directions: Answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Use your answers in class discussions, for writing assignments, and to review for tests.

Chapters 1–2
1. At the beginning of the story, what frightening memory does Jonas recall?
2. What does the release of a contributing citizen represent?
3. What is making Jonas feel apprehensive?
4. What ritual does Jonas's family perform every night?
5. What made Lily angry about the visiting group of children?
6. Describe Jonas's father's profession.
7. Where does Jonas's mother work?
8. How do newchildren get their names, and when do they receive them?
9. Which rule is almost always broken?
10. Who is the most important Elder?
11. How do Elders make Assignments?
12. At what age are children's "comfort objects" taken away?

Chapters 3–5
1. What Assignment does Jonas's mother claim holds "very little honor" (p. 21)?
2. Why was a public reprimand about snacks recently directed at Jonas?
3. Why is Jonas impressed by Benjamin, one of his groupmates?
4. What can cause a Twelve to receive a delayed Assignment?
5. Where does Jonas spot Asher's bicycle? Why doesn't he usually volunteer with Asher?
6. Whose release ceremony did Larissa find boring?
7. Where do the Old go after their Ceremony of Release?
8. About whom did Jonas have a strange dream?
9. What does Jonas's mother call the feelings Jonas described from his dream?
10. What does Jonas's mother give Jonas to prevent his odd feelings from returning?

Chapters 6–8
1. What will happen when Lily becomes a Nine?
2. Why must Jonas's father sit apart from his family at the beginning of the ceremony?
3. Who is the "replacement child"? What happened to the first child by this name?
4. What happens during the Ceremony of Ten?
5. For how long are Matches monitored before a couple can apply for a child?
6. For how long does an elected Chief Elder hold his or her position?
7. Why is Asher not assigned to be an Instructor of Threes?
8. What Assignment does Fiona receive?
9. Why does Jonas think the Chief Elder skipped him during the ceremony?
10. For what does the Chief Elder apologize?
11. What Assignment does Jonas receive?
12. What qualities does Jonas possess that qualify him for his new position?

Chapters 9–10
1. What do Jonas's parents think of his new job?
2. What do Jonas's parents tell him happened to the previous person selected for his position?
3. What is the last rule on Jonas's instruction sheet?
4. What do the new nameplates on the Twelves' bicycles indicate?
5. What does the Receiver's attendant tell Jonas about the locks?
6. What is the biggest difference Jonas notices between the Receiver's dwelling and his own?
7. Why does the Receiver have little experience describing his job?
8. What does the Receiver encourage Jonas to do?
9. What memories will Jonas receive?
10. What is the first memory Jonas will receive?

Chapters 11–13
1. How did the community eliminate inclement weather?
2. What does the Receiver tell Jonas is not the same as power?
3. What does the Receiver tell Jonas to call him?
4. Why does Jonas apologize to Fiona?
5. How does "seeing beyond" relate to color?
6. What two memories does The Giver use to teach Jonas about color?
7. Why does Jonas think it is unfair that his community lacks color?
8. What does Jonas value over freedom of choice?
9. What animal does Jonas first learn actually existed?
10. How does The Giver respond when Jonas asks if he will ever apply for a spouse?
11. Where does The Giver say his life is?
12. Where does Jonas go when The Giver sends him away?

Chapters 14–16
1. What physical pain does Jonas experience through a memory?
2. How did The Giver use his knowledge of hunger to advise the Elders?
3. Why did The Giver advise the committee not to shoot down the mysterious plane?
4. What phrase does Jonas perceive to mean nothing can be changed?
5. What memory does Jonas unwittingly impart to Gabriel?
6. What memory does Jonas help The Giver to bear?
7. What does The Giver say once Jonas opens his eyes?
8. What is The Giver's favorite memory?
9. Why do Jonas's parents discourage him from using the word "love"?
10. With whom does Jonas share his feelings about how life could change?

Chapters 17–19
1. To what does Jonas attribute his new depth of feeling?
2. Why does Jonas now classify his family's emotions of "anger" and "sadness" as shallow and unreal?
3. What type of game are Jonas's friends playing on the unscheduled holiday?
4. Why must Jonas's father release a newchild soon?
5. What job would Lily's mother choose for her?
6. When Jonas experiences feelings of loss, what specific things does he miss?
7. What was the previous Receiver-in-training's name?
8. What was the first painful memory The Giver transferred to the previous Receiver-in-training?
9. What happened to the transferred memories when the previous Receiver-in-training was released?
10. How many weeks' worth of memories did the previous Receiver-In-training have?
11. What does Jonas realize while watching his father release the twin?
12. How did the previous Receiver-in-training choose to be released?
Chapters 20-23

1. Why does The Giver tell Jonas's family that Jonas will remain at the Annex overnight for additional training?

2. What must Jonas do to help the community change?

3. Why must The Giver remain in the community after Jonas escapes?

4. What did The Giver "hear-beyond" when he was young?

5. On what night do The Giver and Jonas plan Jonas's escape?

6. Who was The Giver's daughter?

7. Why does Jonas leave the community earlier than planned?

8. What are three of the community's rules Jonas breaks while escaping?

9. How does Jonas escape the heat sensors from planes?

10. What does Gabriel begin to mistake for planes?

11. How does Jonas warm himself and Gabriel?

12. How does Jonas make it down the hill to Elsewhere?