The Giver: Chapters 6-8 /16

**While reading consider the following questions. You do not need to write a response but be ready to discuss the answers to these literal questions.**

1. Under what circumstance would parents call their children by numbers?

2. What was the punishment for small children in the community?

3. As a toddler, why was Asher punished?

4. What is Asher’s assignment?

5. Initially, what does Jonas think when no assignment is given to him?

6. What does the Chief Elder say about their last selection of the Receiver of Memory?

7. What happens if an elder reports a dream of uncertainty?

8. What are five attributes the Receiver of Memory must have?

9. When Jonas stands alone on the stage, why does the audience chant “Jonas, Jonas, Jonas”?

10.What emotions does the chanting bring to Jonas?

**Inferential and Critical Questions. Please respond in complete sentences and use support from the text to back up your ideas.**

**Discuss the importance of ritual in Jonas’s community.**

1. Most people seem to accept that the rule about learning to ride a bicycle is often broken. (page 13) Why do you think this is so? Are there similar rules in our society that are routinely “broken”? /2

**Discuss how the society controlled the individual.**

1. Why does everyone have the same birthday? Why does everyone have a number? How would this make you feel? /2
2. Honor your differences. They have determined your futures.” (page 52) Does the society value difference or sameness? What clues help you decide? /2

**Consider the importance of language in Jonas’s society.**

1. “Precision of language was one of the most important tasks of small children.” (page 55) Why would a utopian society want people’s language to be very precise? What problems are associated with imprecise language? /2

**Discuss the author’s ability to maintain suspense and believability as the plot unfolds.**

1. How does the author use foreshadowing to create a sense of foreboding and suspense? /1
2. As more is revealed about the society, how do your feelings about the society change? Why? /2

**Explore why Jonas is chosen as Receiver of Memory.**

1. What qualities does the Chief Elder describe as being essential to the position? /1
2. Does Jonas possess these qualities? How do we know? /1

  
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