****The Giver: Chapters 20-23

**Discussion Questions**

**Individuality and Freedom of Choice**

* Analyze the advantages and disadvantages of Sameness in Jonas' community.
* The people in Jonas' community gave up their freedom and individuality to live in a safe environment. Discuss whether or not the community is a safe environment in which to live. How would you define what a safe environment is?

**Unanswered Questions**

* What questions did the author leave unanswered at the end of the book?
* How did you interpret the end of this book? How do you think the story ends?

**Personal Response Questions: Chapters 20-23**

## Chapter 20

1. What do you think The Giver means when he says, “*They know nothing”*? Do you agree? Explain.

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1. Do you agree now with the statement that “memories need to be shared”? Explain why you do or do not?

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1. How did The Giver and Jonas plan to change the society in the book?

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## Chapter 21

1. Why does Jonas feel that he must leave earlier than planned?

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1. How do you feel about Father when he is so calm and sweet when he talks about Gabe’s release?

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1. What would have happened to Jonas and Gabe if the searchers caught them? Explain your answer.

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## Chapter 22

1. If Jonas and Gabriel starve, will their efforts have been worth it in your opinion? Explain your thinking.

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1. Why does the book say, “he had made the wrong choice” and a few lines later say “there had not really been a choice”? How might you explain these contradictory statements?

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1. What could have brought Jonas to the point where he could cry for Gabriel but not for himself?

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# Chapter 23

1. How does the content of Jonas’s memories change as he approaches the summit of the hill?’

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1. What does it mean that Jonas found a memory of his own?

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1. How do Jonas and Gabe finally get to safety?

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