SHORT ANSWER STUDY GUIDE QUESTIONS - *The Giver*

Chapters 1-2
1. What did the word "frightened" mean, according to Jonas?
2. What were Jonas and the other children taught to be careful about?
3. How did Jonas decide he felt? What was causing this feeling?
4. What evening ritual did the family perform after dinner?
5. What were the two occasions when release was not punishment?
6. What did Father want to do about the newchild, and why?
7. What fascinated Jonas about his father?
8. Why was the Ceremony of Twelve so important?

Chapters 3-5
1. What was unusual about Jonas and the newchild?
2. Describe the Assignment of Birthmother. What did Lily's parents say about it?
3. What happened to the apple while Jonas was playing with it?
4. Describe the Celebration of Release of Roberto.
5. Did Larissa know exactly where Roberto or anyone else went when they were released?
6. What was Jonas's dream about? What did his mother and father say about it?

Chapters 6-7
1. Describe the jacket that the Fours, Fives, and Sixes wore, and the reason it was designed the way it was. Also describe the jacket the Sevens wore, and what it symbolized.
2. Describe the Ceremony. Tell what happened at the Naming and the other age levels.
3. What Assignment did Asher get?
4. What happened when Jonas's number should have been called? What did Jonas think?

Chapters 8-10
1. What was Jonas's Assignment? Why was it important and unusual?
2. What were the four qualities the Chief Elder said the Receiver of Memory must have?
3. What happened when Jonas was looking out at the crowd?
4. Did Jonas agree or disagree with the committee's choice of him as the new Receiver?
5. What happened the last time a new Receiver had been chosen?
6. From what rules was Jonas exempted?
7. What was Jonas prohibited from doing?
8. What was he allowed to do that he had not been allowed to do before?
9. What was the biggest difference in the Receiver of Memory's dwelling?
10. What memories did the Receiver of Memory say he had to transmit to Jonas?
11. What was the first memory the Receiver said he would give to Jonas?
Chapters 11 - 13
1. Describe Jonas's consciousness while he received the memory.
2. What words or concepts did Jonas experience?
3. What happened to the old man's memory of the ride on the sled after he transmitted it to Jonas?
4. What kind of questions did Jonas ask about snow, sleds, and hills? What was the old man's answer? What was Jonas's response?
5. Jonas thought the Receiver of Memory had power. What did the old man tell him?
6. What did the old man tell Jonas to call him? Why?
7. Describe Jonas's experiences of "seeing beyond."
8. What was happening when Jonas "saw beyond?" Why was it important?
9. Could the other people in the Community see colors? If not, why not?
10. Summarize the conversation between Jonas and The Giver about choices.
11. The Giver explained why the people needed a Receiver of Memory. What were the reasons?

Chapters 14-16
1. Jonas asked what made The Giver suffer. What memory did The Giver transmit to explain it?
2. What did Jonas realize about his family after his session with The Giver?
3. Jonas asked why he and The Giver had to hold the memories. What was The Giver's answer? What was his example?
4. What did Jonas want to do about the memories and the traditional way of doing things?
5. How did Jonas help Gabriel get to sleep?
6. What pain did The Giver ask Jonas to take in Chapter 15?
7. How did Jonas feel about being the Receiver at the beginning of Chapter 16?
8. Describe The Giver's favorite memory that he gave to Jonas. How did Jonas feel about it?
9. What question did Jonas ask his parents after his session with The Giver? What was their answer? What was his reaction?
10. Jonas did something different the next morning. What was it?
Chapters 17-19
1. Describe Jonas's new level of feelings and what caused them.
2. What was Father's responsibility when twins were born?
3. How did Jonas feel about becoming the new Receiver?
4. What was the name of the Receiver-to-be who was selected ten years before Jonas?
5. What happened to the Receiver-to-be who was selected before Jonas?
6. What happened to the Community after the incident with the Receiver-to-be?
7. Jonas and The Giver discussed the effects to the Community if Jonas would be lost. What did they think would happen?
8. Describe the release of the newchild.
9. What did Jonas realize as he watched the tape of the release?

Chapters 20-23
1. How did Jonas react after he watched the release?
2. What did The Giver tell Jonas he had realized about the memories?
3. Describe The Giver's ideas on changing things.
4. The Giver offered a very special memory to Jonas. What was it, and what was Jonas's response to the offer?
5. Jonas asked The Giver to escape with him. What was The Giver's reply?
6. What did Jonas do instead of the original escape plan, and why?
7. Describe the escape.
8. Describe the changes in the landscape.
9. What was the strongest fear that Jonas had during this part of the journey?
10. How did the story end?