

The Giver - Worksheet (Ch. 1-2)

The Giver - Chapters 1 & 2

Part 1: Vocabulary

Match the words with their definitions.

1. ****apprehensive**** (adj.)
2. ****nurturer**** (n.)
3. ****transgression**** (n.)
4. ****adherence**** (n.)
5. ****aptitude**** (n.)

- A. Someone who is responsible for feeding and taking care of infants.
 - B. A natural ability to do something.
 - C. An act that goes against a law, rule, or code of conduct.
 - D. Anxious or fearful that something bad or unpleasant will happen.
 - E. The quality of following a rule or belief exactly.
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Part 2: Fill in the Blanks

Use the context of Chapters 1 & 2 to complete the text.

Jonas lives in a highly regulated community where everyone follows strict rules. At the beginning of the book, he feels (1) _____ about the upcoming (2) _____ of Twelve, where he will receive his life assignment. His father is a (3) _____, currently caring for a "newchild" named (4) _____ who is not growing as fast as he should. In the evenings, Jonas's family participates in a ritual called the "telling of (5) _____," where they discuss their emotions from the day.

Part 3: Open Questions

Answer the following questions in 2-3 full sentences.

1. Why was Jonas's family worried about the "newchild" Gabriel, and what did Jonas's father do to help him?
2. Describe the punishment for major "transgressions" in the community. What does it mean to be "released"?
3. What is the significance of the Ceremony of Twelve, and why is Jonas's mother

concerned about it?

The Giver - Solutions (Ch. 1-2)

Answer Key: The Giver - Chapters 1 & 2

Part 1: Vocabulary

1-D, 2-A, 3-C, 4-E, 5-B

Part 2: Fill in the Blanks

(1) apprehensive, (2) Ceremony, (3) Nurturer, (4) Gabriel, (5) feelings

Part 3: Open Questions

1. Gabriel is not meeting the community's growth standards and is at risk of being "released." Jonas's father brought him home at night to provide extra care and comfort.
2. For major transgressions, the punishment is "release" from the community. At this point in the story, the characters describe it as being sent "Elsewhere," but the true nature remains mysterious and final.
3. The Ceremony of Twelve is when children receive their permanent adult job assignments. Jonas's mother is concerned because once the assignment is given, their lives change completely and they lose some of their childhood connections.