

The Giver - Chapter 1

The Giver - Chapter 1 (Advanced)

Part 1: Vocabulary & Context

Match the terms with their subtle meanings in the Community.

1. ****Apprehensive**** (adj.) A. The strict following of established community rules.
 2. ****Nurturer**** (n.) B. A natural capacity or suitability for a specific task.
 3. ****Adherence**** (n.) C. Anxious anticipation of a life-changing event.
 4. ****Aptitude**** (n.) D. A specialist responsible for the physical development of infants.
 5. ****Release**** (n.) E. A euphemism for final expulsion or termination.
 6. ****Distraught**** (adj.) F. Deeply upset and agitated (often corrected in the book).
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Part 2: Detailed Summary Cloze

Complete the analysis of Chapter 1 using 12 key terms from the story.

The novel opens with Jonas feeling (1) _____ about the upcoming (2) _____ of Twelve. He reflects on a past incident where a pilot-in-training made a (3) _____ by flying over the community, which led to his immediate (4) _____. At dinner, Jonas's family participates in the ritual "telling of (5) _____." His father, who works as a (6) _____, expresses concern for a (7) _____ who is not meeting growth milestones. The family discusses the (8) _____ that occur in their society, noting that a third (9) _____ leads to release. Jonas's mother, who works in the Department of (10) _____, describes the shame associated with rule-breakers. Finally, Jonas admits he is nervous about his (11) _____ and the (12) _____ the Elders will make.

Part 3: Comprehension & Analysis

1. Explain why the Community uses "precision of language" and what the correction of the word "distraught" reveals about their control over emotions.
2. What is the role of the "Nurturer," and how does Jonas's father's concern for the newchild Gabriel suggest a conflict between personal care and societal rules?
3. Describe the evening ritual of sharing feelings. Is this ritual intended to foster true emotional connection or to regulate and monitor behavior?
4. Analyze the concept of "Release." How do the citizens perceive it at this stage, and what hints suggest it might be more sinister than a move to "Elsewhere"?

Part 4: Discussion (Critical Thinking)

5. ****The Price of Security:**** The Community has eliminated fear, hunger, and conflict through strict "Sameness." Is a society without suffering worth the loss of individual choice and emotional depth? Justify your opinion.
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****Vocab:**** 1-C, 2-D, 3-A, 4-B, 5-E, 6-F.

****Cloze:**** (1) apprehensive, (2) Ceremony, (3) transgression, (4) release, (5) feelings, (6) Nurturer, (7) newchild, (8) rules/transgressions, (9) transgression, (10) Justice, (11) assignment, (12) decision.