

The Giver - Chapter 2

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Part 1: Vocabulary & Concepts

Define the following terms in the context of Chapter 2.

1. ****Chastisement**** (n.): _____
 2. ****Petulant**** (adj.): _____
 3. ****Remorse**** (n.): _____
 4. ****Assignment**** (n. - specific community meaning): _____
 5. ****Elder**** (n. - specific community meaning): _____
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Part 2: Detailed Summary Cloze

Complete the analysis of Chapter 2 using 12 key terms.

In this chapter, Jonas's father recalls his own (1) _____ of Twelve. He reveals that the (2) _____ observe children during their (3) _____ hours to determine their future roles. Jonas's father was given the (4) _____ of (5) _____, which he had expected because of his (6) _____ for caring for infants. The family discusses the rules regarding (7) _____, such as the fact that each family unit may only have one male and one female (8) _____. Jonas feels a sense of (9) _____ because he has no clear idea what his own (10) _____ will be. His mother reminds him that after the Ceremony, he will no longer spend time with his (11) _____ group, as his life will be focused on his new (12) _____ and adult responsibilities.

Part 3: Comprehension & Analysis

1. Explain how the process of "Assignment" works. Why is it significant that the Elders observe the children for years before deciding?
2. Jonas's father broke a minor rule by looking up a newchild's name. What does this "transgression" reveal about his character compared to the rest of the Community?
3. Describe the structure of a "Family Unit" in the Community. How does it differ from a biological family, and what is its primary purpose?
4. Analyze Jonas's anxiety about his upcoming Ceremony. Why is the lack of "choice" in his future career both a comfort and a source of stress for him?

Part 4: Discussion (Critical Thinking)

5. ****Aptitude vs. Interest:**** In the Community, your life's work is chosen for you based on your "aptitude." In our world, people often choose careers based on "passion." Which system do you think leads to a more stable society, and which leads to more personal happiness?
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****Cloze:**** (1) Ceremony, (2) Elders, (3) volunteer, (4) Assignment, (5) Nurturer, (6) aptitude/talent, (7) family units, (8) child, (9) apprehension, (10) Assignment, (11) age, (12) career/role.