

The Giver  
Lois Lowry

## **Unit 1 (Chapters 1-6)**

### **Preview**

#### Book and Author


Have you ever had a memory so painful you wish you could just forget it? What if you forgot all of your memories? What if everyone else around you did as well? Or, what if you never had memories to begin with? These are strange questions, but questions *The Giver* tries to answer through the main character, Jonas. Jonas comes to see that what he thought was real may not be all there was to the world, and this takes him on an epic journey of self-discovery.

Lois Lowry has written over 30 books, of which *The Giver* and *Number the Stars* are the two most popular. She has won many awards for her writing, including the Newbury Medal for both *The Giver* and *Number the Stars*. As you will see in *The Giver*, Lowry writes because she wants to help end conflict in the world. She says, "I try, through writing, to convey my passionate awareness that we live intertwined on this planet and that our future depends upon our caring more, and doing more, for one another." As you read, think about how this philosophy becomes clear in the theme of *The Giver*.

If you enjoy *The Giver*, consider reading more of Lois Lowry's books; many are available through Amazon.cn.

### **Vocabulary**

Jet	 <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jet_aircraft#/media/File:Lockheed_Martin_F-22A_Raptor_JSOH.jpg">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jet_aircraft#/media/File:Lockheed_Martin_F-22A_Raptor_JSOH.jpg</a>
Patriotic	Describing the love of one's own country or community

Hymn	A song, often religious
Tunic	 <p><a href="https://www.google.com/search?q=the+giver&amp;newwindow=1&amp;es_sm=91&amp;source=lnms&amp;tbm=isch&amp;sa=X&amp;ei=jLZOVdu9NoXjoAT7jIHADA&amp;ved=0CAkQ_AUoAw&amp;biw=908&amp;bih=420#newwindow=1&amp;tbm=isch&amp;q=the+give+r+tunic&amp;imgsrc=_XKqp4BB5MMyVM%253A%3BruO_Izk3wdhlmM%3Bhttp%253A%252F%252Fwww.barakallah.com%252Fimages%252Fmq1601brown.jpg%3Bhttp%253A%252F%252Fwww.glogster.com%252Fstacy nish%252Fthe-giver%252Fg-6loi2j4g065sl5iqf7s7a0%3B414%3B500">https://www.google.com/search?q=the+giver&amp;newwindow=1&amp;es_sm=91&amp;source=lnms&amp;tbm=isch&amp;sa=X&amp;ei=jLZOVdu9NoXjoAT7jIHADA&amp;ved=0CAkQ_AUoAw&amp;biw=908&amp;bih=420#newwindow=1&amp;tbm=isch&amp;q=the+give+r+tunic&amp;imgsrc=_XKqp4BB5MMyVM%253A%3BruO_Izk3wdhlmM%3Bhttp%253A%252F%252Fwww.barakallah.com%252Fimages%252Fmq1601brown.jpg%3Bhttp%253A%252F%252Fwww.glogster.com%252Fstacy nish%252Fthe-giver%252Fg-6loi2j4g065sl5iqf7s7a0%3B414%3B500</a></p>
Distraught	Very upset
Apprehensive	Unsure, nervous, or anxious
Nurture	To care for something or someone
Ceremony	A formal, planned occasion usually in celebration of something
Aptitude	The natural ability to do something
Chuckle	A quiet laugh
Chastise	To yell at someone
Bewilder	To confuse or or puzzle

Magnifying glass



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