



## Rising Grade 7 Summer Homework Packet

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Required Reading

During the summer, we continue to be a community of readers: relaxing with new stories and uncovering treasures. You must read at least TWO books over the summer. (*This includes your required reading*) Complete the one required reading and the reading response, AND read at least one other book of your choice. Record all your books in the Summer Reading Log.

**1. *The Giver***

By: Lois Lowry

ISBN: 9780544336261 (January 2014)

**2. Reading Response for *The Giver***

**3. Read one additional book of your choice.**

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### On the first day of school, please bring:

- Your copy of *The Giver*
  - Your Summer Reading Log
  - Completed *The Giver* Reading Response
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This project answers the following questions:

- What do you think is the most important theme in *The Giver*?
- How would you support that choice?

### Step I: Understanding Theme

A theme is a lesson or universal message woven throughout a story, novel, poem, or film. It is not a topic. It is often something the protagonist and other characters learn about themselves, the world, or humanity.

#### **Directions:**

1. Watch this video about [THEME](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAu3e5GZo4k) from Khan Academy. (Link to the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MAu3e5GZo4k>)
2. Answer the following questions about *The Giver* in preparation for determining a theme for your project.

What does Jonas learn in <i>The Giver</i> ?	
How does Jonas grow and change?	
Why does Jonas act the way he does in the novel?	
What's different at the end of the story?	





What stays with you after the story is over?	
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### **Step II: Determine your Theme**

**Directions:** Think about your answers to the questions in Step I. Determine a theme from *The Giver* based on your analysis. There can be more than one theme in a novel. Choose a theme that stands out to you.

**Write your theme in a complete sentence here:**

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## Summer Reading Log

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title:	Author	Brief Thoughts:	Rate: ★ to ★★★★★

