**Chapter 1**

1. What month did the story begin?

2. What did the word "frightened" mean, according to Jonas?

3. What were Jonas and the other children taught to be careful about? What are some specific words used with this sort of precision?

4. How did Jonas decide he felt? What was causing this feeling?

5. What evening ritual did the family perform after dinner?

6. What were the two occasions when release was not punishment?

7. What is Father’s job? Describe the duties associated with his profession.

8. What was Jonas apprehensive about?

Chapter 2

1. What did Father want to do about the newchild, and why?
2. What fascinated Jonas about his father?
3. What rule was almost always broken by the community and wasn’t taken seriously?
4. What is the most important job in the community?
5. Why was the Ceremony of Twelve the most important ceremony?
6. What was Lily’s comfort object?
7. Why does the narrator refer to the elephant as an “imaginary creature?”

Chapter 3

1. What was unusual about Jonas and the newchild?
2. What about the society can be inferred from the reaction to eye color?
3. Describe the Assignment of Birthmother. What did Lily's parents say about the Assignment?
4. What seems to be the purpose of volunteer hours?
5. What happened to the apple while Jonas was playing with it?

**Chapter 4**

1. What did Benjamin do for his volunteer hours?
2. Where did Asher and Fiona do their hours the day Jonas volunteered with them?
3. In what areas of life to the members of the community have free choice, and what areas are their lives regulated?
4. What celebrations did they have at the House of the Old?
5. What advantages and disadvantages does Jonas see in the way he decided to distribute his volunteer hours?
6. Describe the celebration of the release of Roberto.
7. Did Larissa know exactly where Roberto or anyone else went when they were released?

Chapter 5

1. What was the morning ritual for Jonas’s family?
2. What does Jonas’s mother tell him to explain his strange dream?
3. What was the treatment for the dream?
4. Who has to take this treatment, and how long?
5. How did Jonas feel about the stirrings?

**Chapter 6**

1. Fours, fives and sixes had to wear jackets that were buttoned in the back. What was the purpose of these?
2. Sevens wore a jacket that buttoned in the front. What did this represent?
3. Nines got their first bicycle. What did that represent?
4. What do you think of the pledge the family has to sign about Gabriel?
5. Why, according to the narrator, would it have been especially sad if they had needed to release Gabriel? What do you think of this?
6. What do you think of the concept of a replacement child?
7. What, if anything, strikes you as odd about the ceremony of Loss?

Chapter 7

1. Describe the Chief Elder. What are some of her character traits?
2. Why did Asher get smacked a lot when he was three?
3. What Assignment did Asher get?
4. What happened when Jonas's number should have been called? What did Jonas think?
5. What was Jonas’s physical reaction to being skipped over?

**Chapter 8**

1. What was Jonas's Assignment? Why was it important and unusual?
2. What were the four qualities the Chief Elder said the Receiver of Memory must have?
3. Ten years before, the Committee of Elders failed in their selection of a Receiver. What else happened ten years before? How could these two events be connected?
4. What happened when Jonas was looking out at the crowd?
5. How did Jonas looking out in the crowd confirm that he somewhat agreed with his selection?
6. How did the audience respond to Jonas left standing on the stage?
7. Why was Jonas filled with fear?

Chapter 9

1. Why did things seem so tense for Jonas after the ceremony?
2. What happened the last time a new Receiver had been chosen?
3. What was in Jonas’s instruction folder?
4. From what rules was Jonas exempted?
5. What was Jonas prohibited from doing?
6. What was he allowed to do that he had not been allowed to do before?
7. What new realization struck him in regards to his final rule?
8. What could be some reasons behind Jonas’s rules?

**Chapter 10**

1. What was different about the bikes after the ceremony of twelve?
2. What are at least two differences between the Receiver’s dwelling and the dwellings of the regular citizens?
3. What memories did the Receiver of Memory say he had to transmit to Jonas?
4. What things does Jonas learn that surprise/puzzle him?
5. What was the first memory the Receiver said he would give to Jonas?

Chapter 11

1. Describe Jonas's consciousness while he received the memory.
2. What words or concepts did Jonas experience?
3. What happened to the old man's memory of the ride on the sled after he transmitted it to Jonas?
4. What kind of questions did Jonas ask about snow, sleds, and hills? What was the old man's answer?
5. What was Jonas's response to the old man’s answer to his questions about climate?
6. What was the last memory given to Jonas in this chapter?

Chapter 12

1. Jonas thought the Receiver of Memory had power. What did the old man tell him? What is the difference between these two concepts?
2. What did the old man tell Jonas to call him? Why?
3. Describe Jonas's experiences of "seeing beyond."
4. What was happening when Jonas "saw beyond?" Why was it important?
5. Could the other people in the Community see colors? If not, why not?
6. What memory did Jonas receive to help him with the concept of color?

Chapter 13

1. Summarize the conversation between Jonas and The Giver about choices.
2. What horrible memory did The Giver give to Jonas this time?
3. Why would it be difficult for Jonas to have a spouse?
4. What happened 10 years ago?
5. Why was it important that the Receiver keep all of the memories?
6. Jonas told the Receiver to start giving him some painful memories. Why did he request this?
7. What do you think the Giver means when he says “without the memories, it’s all meaningless”? Explain your answer.

**Chapter 14**

1. Jonas asked what made The Giver suffer. What memory did The Giver transmit to explain it?
2. What did Jonas realize about his family after his session with The Giver?
3. Jonas asked why he and The Giver had to hold the memories. What was The Giver's answer? What was his example?
4. What did they do when a birthmother had twins?
5. How did Jonas help Gabriel get to sleep?
6. How did Jonas help Gabriel get to sleep?

Chapter 15

1. What pain did The Giver ask Jonas to take in Chapter 15?
2. Describe the memory the Giver transmits to Jonas.
3. At the end of the chapter, The Giver asks Jonas to forgive him. Do you think this was necessary?

Chapter 16

1. How did Jonas feel about being the Receiver at the beginning of Chapter 16?
2. What were some of the good memories that were given to Jonas?
3. Describe The Giver's favorite memory that he gave to Jonas. How did Jonas feel about it (specifically, not just good or bad)?
4. Why did Jonas feel that love would be risky?
5. What question did Jonas ask his parents after his session with The Giver? What was their answer?
6. Jonas makes a choice at the end of the chapter. What was it?
7. How has Jonas’s mindset changed since he was an Eleven?

**Chapter 17**

1. What has happened to Jonas since he has stopped taking his pills?
2. What did Jonas want to do on his unexpected holiday?
3. What were Jonas’s friends playing, and why did it upset him so much?
4. What would father do the next day when the identical twins were born?
5. How does Father describe the release?
6. Who takes the baby, according to Father, after it is released?
7. What job did mother think would fit Lily?

Chapter 18

1. What was the Receiver-in-training’s name?
2. What was the cause of her failure?
3. Where did she go?
4. What happened to the memories with Rosemary was released?
5. What did the Giver do to help the people when this happened?
6. How does Jonas deal with the memories?

Chapter 19

1. How was Jonas able to watch the release of the twin?
2. Jonas connects the release with one of the memories. Which memory does he connect it to, and what realization about release horrifies him when he does?
3. Where did Father place the baby?
4. How was Rosemary released?
5. What was Jonas’s reaction to all of this?

Chapter 20

1. After witnessing the release, where did Jonas stay?
2. Who all in the community gets released?
3. What conclusion did Jonas and The Giver come to?
4. Describe Jonas’s planned escape.
5. What is revealed about Rosemary and The Giver’s relationship?
6. What memory did Jonas ask the Giver to keep for himself?

Chapter 21

1. What decision was made about Gabriel?
2. What crimes did Jonas commit when he left?
3. Why couldn’t the search planes see Jonas and Gabe?
4. Why did Jonas make himself cold as the search planes hunted for them?
5. How did Jonas know the community was starting to give up the search?

Chapter 22

1. How did the landscape change?
2. What did Jonas fear now that the searchers were gone?
3. What had Gabe mistaken in the air?
4. Why were Jonas and Gabe crying?
5. What additional reason was Jonas so upset at the end of this chapter?

Chapter 23

1. How did Jonas try to warm up Gabe?
2. Why was it so difficult to travel?
3. Why did he suddenly become happy?
4. What was waiting for him at the top of the hill?
5. What was the first thing that Jonas saw in Elsewhere?
6. How did he know this place would take care of Gabe and him?
7. What do you think happened?