



7th Grade Summer Reading Response: *The Giver*

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

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: Understand 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](#) from Khan Academy.
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?	

**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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