

**The Giver By Lois Lowry**  
**Book Club Discussion Questions**  
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1. What was your initial reaction to the book?
2. What do you think could've led to the creation of this community and the rules they follow?
3. What was good about the community that might actually help in our society?
4. Describe the precision of language. Does precision of language truly exist, especially with regards to feelings and memories?
5. Animals do not exist in the book. Why would there be no animals in such a controlled society? Why would calling someone an "animal" as a derogatory remark have remained so long after animals had disappeared and not been eliminated with the precision of language?
6. Why would the community have such a hard time making everything, Fiona's hair and Jonas' eyes for example, conform to Sameness?
7. What change happens at the Ceremony of each age and what do those changes signify? What is each change supposed to teach them at each age?
8. Why would certain people be able to see or hear beyond? What other ways of sensing the "beyond" could there be?
9. From the book it would seem that only those with light colored eyes have this ability. Do you think that always holds true, or could others be able to as well?
10. Why did Gabriele have such a hard time sleeping through the night?
11. What would the results of memories dying with each generation be?
12. Describe Jonas' training and his feelings, towards himself, his family and friends, and the community, as he receives memories.
13. What do you think happened at the end of the book to Jonas and Gabriel? To the community and the Giver he left behind?