

Book Punch - The Giver

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Evidence and Inference - Topic 1

The Evidence and Inference topics and their pre-writing questions are listed below. Use this worksheet to write your answers. Include exact words from the book to support your answers along with the page number where the text can be found.

Evidence and Inference Topic 1

"The Giver" describes a community that many people would consider to be a utopia, or perfect place. Some readers would agree that "The Giver" does indeed represent utopia. Others would argue that it is both imperfect and frightening. Write a multi-paragraph essay to persuade the reader that the community in "The Giver" is IMPERFECT and FRIGHTENING. You must write a thesis statement that expresses this opinion, a body of two or three paragraphs to support your statement, and a conclusion paragraph that sums up this point of view.

Personal choices>>

1. What is an example of a "personal choice" related to family life? How is it handled in the story?
2. What is another "personal choice" in "The Giver"? How is it handled?

Problem people>>

3. What is one kind of person who is seen as a problem for the community in "The Giver"?
4. What is another kind of person who is seen as a problem for the community in "The Giver"?

Missing from Jonas's community>>

5. What does the community in "The Giver" lack that we enjoy?
6. What else does the community in the book lack that we enjoy?

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Evidence and Inference Topic 1 - Essay Plan Worksheet

Each of the points in your plan will be the main idea of a body paragraph in your essay. For an essay with 2 body paragraphs use two points in your plan. The boxes below contain the sample thesis statement divided into the Opinion and the Plan.

Write your own thesis statement below the sample Opinion and Plan.

Then use the boxes below each point of your plan to write at least 2 supporting points for each body paragraph. Use words or phrases or page numbers.

Thesis Statement: OPINION

"The Giver" community is not a utopia

Thesis Statement: PLAN

Point 1
Personal choices>>

because people may not make important personal choices

Point 2
Problem people>>

problem people are killed when they do not meet community standards

Point 3
Missing from Jonas's community>>

the community is missing many things we enjoy

Supporting point

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Evidence and Inference - Topic 2

The Evidence and Inference topics and their pre-writing questions are listed below. Use this worksheet to write your answers. Include exact words from the book to support your answers along with the page number where the text can be found.

Evidence and Inference Topic 2

People have always fantasized about a perfect community, a utopia. Some readers may see the world in "The Giver" as an appealing community with many advantages to its members. Others may argue that it is an imperfect and frightening community. Write a multi-paragraph essay that presents the world of "The Giver" as an APPEALING community with many ADVANTAGES to its members. You must write a thesis statement that expresses this opinion, a body of two or three paragraphs to support your statement, and a conclusion paragraph that sums up this point of view.

Problems eliminated>>

1. What is a major problem in our world that seems to have been eliminated in "The Giver"?
2. What is another major problem in our world that seems to have been eliminated in "The Giver"?

Community services>>

3. What basic services does the community provide to everyone?
4. What facilities does the community have to provide services for the people?

Well-behaved community>>

5. What is one way a harmonious community is maintained in the book?
6. How else is a harmonious community maintained in the book?

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Evidence and Inference Topic 2 - Essay Plan Worksheet

Each of the points in your plan will be the main idea of a body paragraph in your essay. For an essay with 2 body paragraphs use two points in your plan. The boxes below contain the sample thesis statement divided into the Opinion and the Plan.

Write your own thesis statement below the sample Opinion and Plan.

Then use the boxes below each point of your plan to write at least 2 supporting points for each body paragraph. Use words or phrases or page numbers.

Thesis Statement: OPINION

The community is appealing

Thesis Statement: PLAN

Point 1
Problems eliminated>>

**because the characters
experience a place in which
major problems have been
eliminated**

Supporting point

Supporting point

Supporting point

Point 2
Community services>>

basic services are provided

Supporting point

Supporting point

Supporting point

Point 3
Well-behaved community>>

everyone is well behaved

Supporting point

Supporting point

Supporting point