

A note from Ms. Jompulsky:

7TH grade is a very important year academically. There will be a lot of reading and writing, and a chance to develop in both areas. Your performance in 7th grade will be what high schools will be using to determine whether they want to accept you into their school, so be ready to work extra hard to prove yourself both in 226 and beyond! I am so excited to grow, learn, debate, wonder and progress with each and every one of you!

The following is your assignment that will be due the day we return to school in September. *This essay will count as your first grade of the quarter.*

1. You will read The Giver by Lois Lowry and write an informative essay responding the prompt below.

Jonas' world is perfect. Everything is under control. There is no war or fear of pain. There are no choices. Every person is assigned a role in the community. When Jonas turns 12 he is singled out to receive special training from The Giver. The Giver alone holds the memories of the true pain and pleasure of life. Now, it is time for Jonas to receive the truth. There is no turning back.

Task: As futuristic as The Giver is, it is still considered a coming-of-age story. In this essay, you will discuss how Jonas' experiences allow him to develop as a character, specifically as a young boy into an adult.

In your five-paragraph essay you need to include:

- What a coming-of-age story is and how The Giver fits this mold
- How Jonas' character develops over time and what obstacles he faces as the story progresses
- How the experiences Jonas goes through strengthen his character both physically and mentally

Your essay must include the following:

- An introduction with a strong thesis statement
- Appropriate evidence from the text that aligns to the prompt
- Organized paragraphs with topic sentences
- A conclusion that sums up the major points of your essay