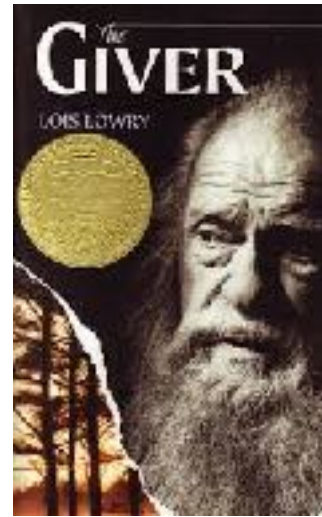


## GALA Summer Reading - 7th Grade

In seventh grade, students will participate in the Level Up Village Course - The Giver. To prepare for this work we are recommending that each student read the novel over the summer.

Jonas lives in a seemingly idyllic world of conformity and contentment. When he begins to spend time with The Giver, an old man who is the sole keeper of the community's memories, Jonas discovers the dangerous truths of his community's secret past. Armed with the power of knowledge, Jonas realizes that he must escape from their world to protect himself and those he loves -- a challenge no one has ever completed successfully.



Free digital copies of The Giver can be found at <http://schools.smcps.org/lms/images/6thgrade/thegiver.pdf>

### **Assignment: Double-Entry Journal** **Due: First Week of English classes**

Divide your paper into two columns

Left Side - Record specific "passages" from the book. Use quotation marks and include page numbers

Right Side - Explain your comments, thoughts, reactions and ideas about the passage.

A minimum of 10 journal entries are required

Set up your paper to look like this example

Passage copied from Text	Page #	Personal Response/Commentary
"Well, it's the last of the Ceremonies, as you know. After Twelve, age isn't important. Most of us even lose track of how old we are as time, passes, though the information is in the Hall of Open Records, and we could go look it up if we wanted to. What's important is the preparation for adult life, and the training you'll receive in your Assignment."	17	What's an "Assignment?" This sounds very important. I wonder what types of "assignments" are given and if they can be changed. Are their choices for assignments? How is it possible for someone to forget how old they are? Don't they celebrate birthdays? The setting of this novel is very different from how we live in Los Angeles in 2017.

If you have trouble thinking of what to write for your personal response, use these response starters:

- I really like (or dislike) this part because...
- I wonder why...
- I predict that...
- I think the character should...
- This reminds me of the time when I...

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Left Side: Passages /examples from book	All spelling, capitalization, and punctuation is correct.	Few spelling, capitalization, and punctuation errors.	Several spelling, capitalization, and punctuation errors.	Many spelling, capitalization, and punctuation errors.
Right Side: Explain your comments and ideas	Ideas and comments thoroughly explain all passages.	Ideas and comments explain all passages.	Ideas and comments explain most passages.	Ideas and comments explain some passages.