

The Giver by Lois Lowry



Background Information

Dystopia

- Imperfect
- Chaos/anarchy or too restricting

Utopia

- Perfect society
 - At least in the mind of the author

Similarities

- Often science fiction
- Could be set in the present or past, but usually in the future
- Sometimes, especially in the beginning, it's difficult to tell the difference
 - Why would this be?

The Giver

- The Giver is usually called a dystopian novel, but it's fairly easy to see how it could be a utopian novel, too.
- You'll have to make that decision for yourself as we go
- Our main character, Jonas, has a hard time deciding this for himself, actually... which leads us to our driving questions!

Driving questions

- How is Jonas impacted by his city?
- How is he changed by the Giver?
- Is this change good for Jonas? Why or why not?