

Name _____ **The Giver**

Exploring Themes of The Giver Answer Key

1. **Sameness** is the system of control where differences like color, weather, and choice are removed. It was created to prevent conflict and keep society safe.
2. Jonas becomes the **Receiver of Memory**, which allows him to experience emotions and history that others cannot. This opens his eyes to what is missing in the community.
3. The word "**release**" hides the truth about death. It makes killing sound peaceful and acceptable.
4. Jonas's discovery represents the **theme of individuality and the importance of memory, freedom, and authentic experience**.
5. Lowry suggests that **freedom, choice, love, and even suffering are necessary for a meaningful human life**.
6. Open-ended - strong answers will weigh **safety vs. freedom** (e.g., living without pain may sound safe, but without love and individuality, life loses meaning).