

Name _____ **The Giver**

Book vs. Movie Comparison Answer Key

Comparison Chart (Sample Answers)

Category	Book	Movie	Effect/Why it Matters
Jonas's Age	12 years old	Teenager	Aging Jonas up makes him more relatable to young adult audiences, adds romance subplot.
Jonas & Fiona	Friends, no romance; Fiona is not central	Romantic subplot with Jonas	Shifts focus from community & memory to personal love story.
Giver & Jonas	Mentor-student, focused on memories and wisdom	Mentor-student but more emotional bonding shown	Adds more intensity and dramatic dialogue.
The Ending	Ambiguous—Jonas sledding toward light/music (could be death, hope, or imagination)	Clear—Jonas escapes and finds a hopeful future beyond the community	Removes ambiguity, gives audiences closure, but less interpretive depth.
The Community's Control	Emphasis on <i>Sameness</i> : no color, no deep emotion, controlled family units	Futuristic, technology-driven society; emotion suppressed through injections	Highlights dystopian sci-fi elements, more visual for film.