

**The Giver: Chapters 2-8**

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<p>1. Describe Jonas' memory of Lily joining his family unit. How did he feel prior to and during the ceremony?</p> <p>2. Read the lines from chapter 2 of the text below. What do they reveal about Jonas' community?</p> <p>“Jonas nodded. During the past year he had been aware of the increasing level of observations. In school, at recreation time, and during volunteer hours, he had noticed the Elders watching him and the other Elevens. He had seen them taking notes. He knew, too, that the Elders were meeting for long hours with all of the instructors that he and the other Elevens had had during their years of school.”</p> <p>3. What do Jonas' questions to his father suggest about his feelings about the upcoming ceremony?</p>	<p>Jonas remembers feeling excited before Lily joined the family. He shares his memory of climbing to the stage with his parents on the day of the naming ceremony so that they could get the girl child that was to be placed with their family. He also remembers his father being delighted when he heard that “New Child 23” would be placed with his family and that her name would be Lily.</p> <p>The lines from the text reveal that the people in Jonas' community are always being watched and considered by the elders. It appears as though the Elders make decisions for the community members based on their observations of them.</p> <p>Jonas questions suggest that he is very nervous and fearful that he will be assigned something he does not like. He also feels uncertain of his assignment because he has not demonstrated a clear strength or interest in any particular area, so he feels as though he may be assigned to anything.</p>

How does Jonas feel about his community and how it operates? Cite at least two pieces of evidence from the text to support your answer.

Based on chapter 2, Jonas generally has positive feelings for his community and how it operates. For example, he remembers Lily being assigned to his family with fondness and does not seem to question or wonder why children must be assigned to families. In addition, while he expresses nervousness over his assignment, he does not express a desire to make the decision for himself or question whether the elders should be able to decide everyone's assignment. This suggests that he generally feels good about how the community operates.

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<p>4. What does Jonas notice about the apple?</p>	<p>Jonas notices that the apple changes in some way while he throws it in the air back and forth with Asher. He cannot explain how or why it changed, and he does not see the change when he examines it closely, but he feels certain that something happened to it that he cannot explain.</p>
<p>5. What is the meaning of the word <i>mystified</i>? Why does Jonas feel this way?</p>	<p>The word <i>mystified</i> means bewildered, perplexed, or puzzled. Jonas feels this way because he cannot explain what was different about the apple when he noticed it change. When he asks Asher, he realizes that Asher has not noticed a change in the apple even though he is certain that he saw something change about the apple.</p>
<p>6. Reread the following sentence (below). What does this suggest about Jonas?</p> <p>“So Jonas laughed, too, and with his laughter tried to ignore the uneasy conviction that <i>something</i> had happened.”</p>	<p>This sentence suggests that Jonas is certain that he saw the apple change, and that he is curious about <i>why</i>. It also shows that he is trying to fit in with Asher because he is pretending that he did not see something change even though in his gut he believes he did.</p>

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<p>7. Describe Jonas' reaction to being <i>selected</i> as the Receiver of Memory. Describe the community's reaction. What does this suggest about this role?</p> <p>8. What is the meaning of the word <i>hasty</i> in the sentence below? What does this suggest about the previous Receiver of Memory? Use context from the text to support your answers.</p> <p>"We have not been <u>hasty</u> this time," she continued. "We could not afford another failure."</p> <p>9. Why must Jonas have courage and bravery to be the Receiver, according to the Chief Elder? What does this suggest about people in his community?</p>	<p>Jonas is confused and uncertain. He does not understand what the Receiver of Memory does. The crowd's reaction is similar. The text states that the crowd gasps in astonishment and that their "eyes widened in awe." This shows that this is an unexpected assignment, and also that this role is likely one of significance to the community. It also appears to be something that the community doesn't know much about.</p> <p>The word <i>hasty</i> means done quickly. Given the context of the sentence, we can assume that the previous Receiver of Memory failed in some way and, as a result, the committee of Elders took their time in selecting the next Receiver to ensure that their selection was a good choice so that they would not experience another failure.</p> <p>Jonas must have courage because he is told that he must experience physical pain as the Receiver, unlike anything he has experienced before. The Chief Elder explains that even he could not understand what the current Receiver described in regards to the pain, which suggests that somehow, the people in Jonas' community are free from pain.</p> <p>Jonas experiences another moment like the one with the apple. When he looks out into the crowd, he sees something that changes. Although he cannot describe exactly</p>

10. What happens to convince Jonas that he has the Capacity to See Beyond?	how it changed, he realizes now that he has an ability to see something that others cannot see.
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How is Jonas characterized in ways that are similar to and different from his community thus far?

Jonas is characterized in ways that are similar to his community in that he generally agrees with and goes along the rituals and rules of the community. For example, although he is nervous about the Ceremony of Twelve, he does not question whether this is the right way for people to be given their careers. At the same time, Jonas is characterized as different from his community in that he is selected to be the next Receiver of Memory, which is a unique and honored position that is not assigned but one that is designated for someone who has a special ability. Jonas, unlike his community, has some sort of ability to see things in a different way than others in his community. He also demonstrates a curiosity about how things work and why they must be that way in a way that feels somewhat different than others in the text thus far.