

THE GIVER: MOVIE VERSION

Study Guide compares the novel *The Giver* by Lois Lowry to the movie *The Giver* (2014) starring Jeff Bridges, Meryl Streep, Brenton Thwaites, Odeya Rush, Katie Holmes and Alexander Skarsgard. Directed by Phillip Noyce. The Weinstein Company.



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SAMPLE THE GIVER: MOVIE VERSION

THE MOVIE VERSION OF THE GIVER IS NOT LIKE THE BOOK by Lois Lowry

RECOMMENDED MOVIE: *The Giver* (2014) starring Jeff Bridges, Meryl Streep, Brenton Thwaites, Odeya Rush, Katie Holmes and Alexander Skarsgard. Directed by Phillip Noyce. The Weinstein Company.

HOW ACCURATE IS THE MOVIE VERSION OF THE BOOK?

Plot: ★★☆☆☆ Characters: ★★★☆☆ Setting: ★★★☆☆

Structure: ★★★★★ Symbols: ★★★★★ Theme: ★★★★★

THE MOVIE: SUMMARY

The following is a scene-by-scene comparison of the movie to the corresponding chapters in the book.

THE MOVIE: CHAPTER 1

OPENING SCENE: Printed words appear on the screen saying that after the Ruin a new community was founded. The voice of Jonas is heard, saying that after the Ruin they started over, building a new society protected by a boundary. Citizens follow rules, use precise language, wear assigned clothing, take their morning medicine, obey curfew, and never lie. All memories were erased.

Jonas appears and introduces himself, saying he has no last name. He says that tomorrow he and others will receive their assignments for jobs and purpose. Jonas says he has always felt different and lost, not knowing his purpose.

OMISSIONS: Jonas recalls a time when he felt fear when loudspeakers ordered everyone to take shelter after a plane flew over the community. The all-clear signal sounded and he heard the announcement that the pilot would be released. Jonas decides that what he feels is not fear but apprehension of the approaching Ceremony of Twelve when he will receive his assignment.

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QUIZ

This quiz compares the movie *The Giver* (2014) starring Jeff Bridges, Meryl Streep and Brenton Thwaites to the novel *The Giver* by Lois Lowry.

- ___ 1. In the movie Jonas, Asher and Fiona work at the Nurturing Center. In the book they work at the
- a. Recreation Center
 - b. House of the Old
 - c. Naming Center
 - d. Community Center
- ___ 2. In the movie and the book Father breaks a rule by calling the baby “Gabriel” before he is named by the
- a. Giver
 - b. Chief Elder
 - c. Ceremony of Naming
 - d. Nurturing Center
- ___ 3. The movie omits the mention of medication that Jonas takes. In the book Jonas takes a pill every morning to prevent
- a. The Stirrings
 - b. The Imaginings
 - c. The Longings
 - d. The Urges

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