

The Giver by Lois Lowry

7th Grade Reading Class—Mrs. Kleinjan

Upcoming Ceremony

By: Becca Gray

The upcoming ceremonies are coming. They are on December 8. There will be the ceremony of the Ones, Twos, Threes, Fours, Fives, Sixes, Sevens, Eights, and Nines. The next day will be the ceremony of the Tens, Elevens, and Twelves.

In ceremony of the Ones they get a new family. The parents will get the child after a year of marriage. They can't name the child, but they get to pick boy or girl if it is their first child.

The ceremonies of Twos and Threes are similar. They get a new toy train if boy, and doll if girl. Threes get a ball and/or chalk.

For the Fours and Fives the ceremonies are

exciting. For the girls they get ribbons in their hair, and boys get new trousers. When five boys get new tunic, and girls get a dress.

For the ceremonies of the Sixes, Sevens, and Eights things change. Sixes get new toys.

Sevens get new shoes and Eights get the ribbons out of their hair and get to start volunteering.

For Nines, Tens, Elevens, and Twelves get some new things. The Nines get a new bike and Tens and Elevens get a new book.

For the Twelves they get to get their assignments for life and get to live their lives.



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Airplane Seen Overhead

By: Lexie Exline

A few days go a plane flew over our town. On the news they said, "it was very scary." Alice Star was the reporter who said this. They had a reporter on the scene. They had a clip of the plane and a much more. They interviewed a little girl. Her name was Lilly.

The pilot took a left turn, when he should've taken a right turn. I think it was scary for all of us. This may have been a few days ago, but this will go down in history. You may ask, "Why will it go down in history?" And the answer is that this is a very rare happening.



All About Jonas

By: Caela Derry

Jonas is an Eleven and he is a male. He lives in a Community with his family unit. In his family unit there is Lilly, his younger sister who is a Seven but, she will soon become an Eight in the Ceremony of the Decembers.

Jonas has a mother and a father in his family unit. Jonas' father works at the Nurturing Center taking care of all the new children. Then, there is Gabriel. Gabe is a new child that Jonas' family unit is temporarily taking care of for the next year until he is ready to be named and placed in his family unit.

Jonas goes to school with all of the other Elevens. He has to get a certain number of volunteer hours before he can receive his Assignment at the Ceremony of the Decembers. Jonas does all of his volunteer hours at different places. Jonas doesn't usually do his volunteer hours with his friend Asher because Asher doesn't take them very seriously and can sometimes cause Jonas to goof off. Jonas will receive his Assignment at this year's Ceremony of Decembers because he will be a Twelve.



All About Asher

By: Riley Jacobson

Asher is somewhat of a spaz and he is always late for class. He has a sister who is two years old. In his family, he also has a mother and a father.

He is Jonas' best friend and they like to do their hours together and also enjoy hanging out together. Asher also likes to ride his bike, but he likes it when Jonas can come with him. He does most

of his hours at the house of the old Fiona who is also an eleven like Asher and Jonas, and they like to work with Asher and usually she is at the House of the Old too. He is somewhat of a slacker, but when he does work it gets done right.



All About Lilly

By: Becca Gray

In the book, Lilly is the sister of Jonas. Lilly just turned eight, but she was a seven with ribbon in her hair. Lilly now gets to start her volunteer hours at places. She has shorter hair and a new jacket.

Lilly seems to get excited easily. She was very eager to become an Eight and now she is. She

seems that she can irritate people sometimes also. She can also make people very happy. Lilly seems like an enjoyable girl and most people probably like her for caring attitude



Community Rules

By: Matt Burkhart

- 1.No flying over the community
- 2.Not able to ride bicycles until 9 years old
- 3.They have to wear hair ribbons until the age of 9
- 4.Can have comfort object until the age of 8
- 5.Their objects are not to be removed from the recreation center
- 6.Snacks are to be eaten not hoarded

Pilots are not supposed to fly over the community, they are supposed to totally miss it or go around.

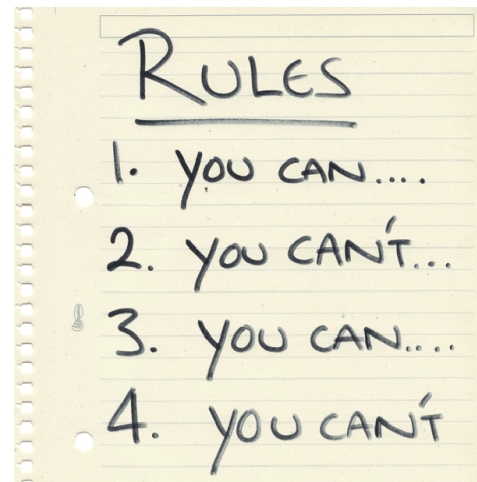
Children are not to ride or be taught to ride bikes until after the ceremony of nine even though it almost always broken

Girls under the age of nine must wear hair ribbons, at the ceremony of nine they can freely take them off.

Children are allowed to have their comfort object until the age of eight then it is recycled and given to another child

Objects such as food objects specifically apples are not to be taken away from the recreation center

Snacks are to be eaten, not hidden ,and taken home like apples, or some fruit salad, it is to be eaten, or to be shared.



Weather

By: Caela Derry

Today's current forecast consists of patchy fog and areas of drizzle in the morning. It will be mostly cloudy with a few sun breaks by the late afternoon. There will be highs in the upper 40's and a relatively light wind from the west. Tonight it will be clear to partly cloudy with areas of fog and lows in the mid 30's. Tomorrow will have morning fog and mostly sunny with highs in the

mid 50's. On Saturday, it will be mostly sunny and gorgeous with highs in the mid 50's again. Sunday will contain a few patchy drizzles with highs in the lower 50's. Monday will be mostly cloudy with a chance for isolated showers and highs in the upper 40's. Finally to conclude our weather forecast, Tuesday will be partly cloudy with a few flurries and highs in the low 40's.



Vocabulary Word Scramble

By: Lexie Exline

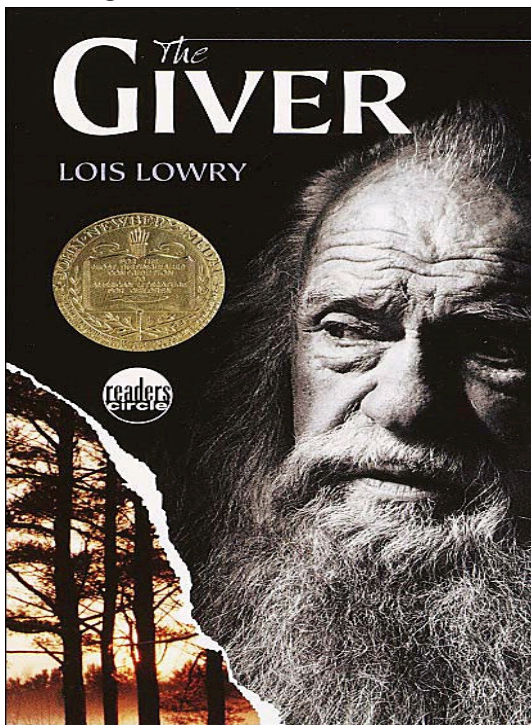
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About the Author By: Emily Harney



Lois Lowry was born in Honolulu, Hawaii. She was born the middle child of three. She had a sister named Helen and a brother named Jon.

Her father was a military officer and so this meant that their family moved a lot. She had been to Hawaii, New York, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, Tokyo, Rhode Island, California, Connecticut, Florida, South Carolina, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Maine. She is lived with her terrier named Bandit in Massachusetts for a while then moved again.

Her sun was in the army at the time and he died in the cockpit of a war plane. This was very hard for Lois and she had

to figure out how she'd get through this.

She finally found her home where she lives today and has become a grandmother. She tries to show this through here writings in books. She includes that we are on this planet for caring more, doing more, and for one another.

As she was sitting at her lovely home she began to write *The Giver*. She got her ideas from talking to her father who was suffering. He was forgetting so many memories including how Lois' sister, Helen, died at a very young age of cancer. When Lois talked about this with her father it was very hard for her. Especially to remember all the good times they had together and not all the sad ones. She had to hold back the pain so she expressed it through her writing. All though this did give her and her father something to talk about. She enjoyed talking to him because

this is what her father enjoyed doing the most; caring for his daughters and talking.

This became Lois' main source for writing her book *The Giver*. However her sisters story isn't told in this book it's told through *A Summer to Die*. Her father's story is told through *The Giver* for the fact that she misses him and loves him. They enjoyed talking together through good times and bad.

When writing *The Giver* she enjoyed using all her memories in the book to show her feelings about her father. This is how she got through all the good times and the bad. Writing her books is what she does to get through rough spots in life.