

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the student will gain a deeper understanding of the themes, characters, and societal implications presented in "The Giver." The student will also engage in creative activities that enhance critical thinking and personal reflection on the book's concepts.

Materials and Prep

- Notebook and pen or pencil for writing
- Art supplies (colored pencils, markers, or crayons)
- Access to a quiet space for reading and activities
- Familiarity with the main plot and characters of "The Giver"

Activities

1. Character Mapping:

Have the student create a character map for Jonas and other key characters. This should include their traits, relationships, and development throughout the story. Encourage them to use colors and illustrations to make it visually engaging.

2. Theme Exploration:

Ask the student to identify three major themes in the book (e.g., freedom vs. control, the importance of memory, individuality). They should write a short paragraph on each theme explaining how it is represented in the story.

3. Creative Rewrite:

Have the student choose a pivotal scene from "The Giver" and rewrite it from the perspective of another character. This will help them explore different viewpoints and deepen their understanding of character motivations.

4. Artistic Representation:

Encourage the student to create a piece of art (drawing, painting, or collage) that represents their interpretation of "The Giver." They can focus on a specific theme, character, or scene that stood out to them.

Talking Points

- "What do you think the author is trying to say about the importance of memory?"
- "How does Jonas's perception of his community change throughout the story?"
- "Can you think of examples in our world that reflect the themes of control and freedom?"
- "Why do you think the concept of 'Sameness' is both appealing and dangerous?"
- "How do you feel about the sacrifices Jonas makes? Are they justified?"
- "What emotions did you experience while reading 'The Giver'? Did any parts resonate with you personally?"
- "If you could change one thing about your own community, what would it be and why?"