7th Grade Summer Reading Response: The Giver

Student Name: ________________________________

This project answers the following questions:

- What do you think is the most important theme in The Giver?
- How would you support that choice?

Step I: Understand Theme

A theme is a lesson or universal message woven throughout a story, novel, poem, or film. It is not a topic. It is often something the protagonist and other characters learn about themselves, the world or humanity.

Directions:
1. Watch this video about THEME from Khan Academy.
2. Answer the following questions about The Giver in preparation for determining a theme for your project.

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### Step II: Determine your Theme

**Directions:** Think about your answers to the questions in Step I. Determine a theme from *The Giver* based on your analysis. There can be more than one theme in a novel. Choose a theme that stands out to you.

Write your theme in a complete sentence here:

### Step III: Choose your quotes from the text to support your theme

**Directions:** Choose 6 quotes from the book that relate to your theme. Write each quote carefully, using quotation marks to surround the author’s words. **Make sure your quotes relate to the theme you have identified.**

**How to quote:**

“The Giver looked at him with a questioning smile. Jonas hung his head. Of course they needed to care. It was the meaning of everything.”

**How to quote dialogue in a book:**

“What is it that makes you suffer so much?’ he asks. ‘If you gave some of it to me, maybe your pain would be less.’”

[Quoting Dialogue tips](#)
Select quotes from the novel that provide evidence for the theme you selected | Page
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**Example:**
“The Giver looked at him with a questioning smile. Jonas hung his head. Of course they needed to care. It was the meaning of everything.” | p. 33

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