

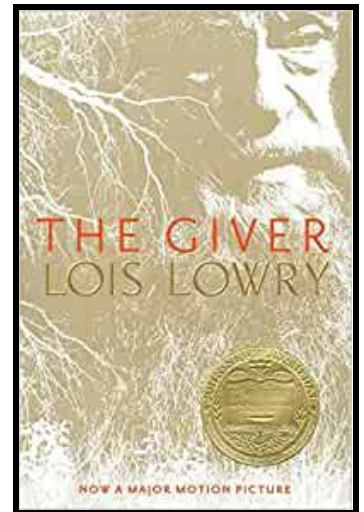
# Trinity Valley School

## 7th Grade American Studies Summer Reading 2024

Over the summer you have a two part assignment to complete for 7th Grade American Studies. The first part of the assignment is to actively read *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. Second, you will write a description of your own ideal society. What does it look like? How is it organized? Does it have a government, class structure, rules? How do people treat one another?

### Part I: *The Giver*

Actively read *The Giver* by Lois Lowry (any unabridged print copy or digital copy is fine) and come to the first day of class with a print copy of the text, ready to discuss and write about the novel. As you read over the summer, highlight anything that you feel relates to the Unit 1 Essential Question: “How do human beings create the ideal society?” At the end of Unit 1, we will write a short answer response to this EQ and you will need textual evidence to support your answer. Actively highlighting plenty of information as you read the book will make it easier to revisit *The Giver* and find strong textual evidence that could be used in your short answer response. (You may highlight using any color)



### Part II: How do humans create the ideal society?

Using Google Docs, write a two paragraph description of your own ideal society/world. There are no right or wrong answers; this is a chance for you to share your own personal opinion of how the world should be. Really be descriptive (when in doubt... elaborate!). We will discuss these descriptions in class and ultimately submit them to Canvas, so please have a digital copy on your iPad. Though these are not the only things that you can include, make sure that you answer the following questions within your response:

1. What is the setting of your ideal world?
2. How do humans treat one another and the planet?
3. Are there rules, government, or a class structure?
4. How would you address the idea of fairness?
5. How would your society reward hard work?
6. How would your society reward goodness?

Make sure your description allows your reader to imagine your world fully. What would your reader see, hear, feel? Effective writing allows the reader to create an image in his/her mind. Your description should accomplish this goal.

If you have questions, please email Mrs. Newton [newtons@tvs.org](mailto:newtons@tvs.org) or Mr. Betsill [betsilld@tvs.org](mailto:betsilld@tvs.org)

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