

# THE GIVER

# PRE-READING BIAS

DIRECTIONS: Write down “yes” if you agree with the statement, “no” if you disagree with the statement, and “???” if you don’t have a strong opinion about the statement.

**Yes = I agree**

**No = I disagree**

**??? = I don’t know**

BEFORE READING	STATEMENT	AFTER READING
	(1) Societies should teach their children the right way to live.	
	(2) Your society cares about you and has the best interests of your future in mind when it makes you do things (e.g. like school).	
	(3) It is okay to lie to people.	
	(4) Most people are too young when they have to make life’s important decisions and are not capable of making the best choices for their future lives.	
	(5) People know when they are doing wrong or evil things.	
	(6) We would be better off without pain.	
	(7) Smaller communities are better than super large communities.	
	(8) If everyone in society follows the rules set up, then society can get rid of the problems we experience.	
	(9) Most people don’t make very good choices, so it would be better if society chose our spouses for us.	

## INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION

DIRECTIONS: Answer these questions after our final novel discussion.

- Which statement from the discussion, triggered the most thought-provoking or interesting ideas in your mind?  
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- Summarize the discussion/debate over that idea from Question #1.  
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- Thinking about all parts of the discussion, what specific idea did you change your mind on the most? Why?  
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- How did you feel when someone disagreed with the way you feel about any of the ideas?  
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