

Chapters One—Two
Standards Focus: Foreshadowing

An author frequently includes subtle details or clues which hint at, or **foreshadow**, upcoming events in a novel. Foreshadowing allows an author to build a novel while laying the groundwork for upcoming character and plot development. To utilize foreshadowing, an author must plan the entire scope of a novel before he/she begins to write. Detailed planning allows the author to include foreshadowing throughout the novel.

Directions: Below are some examples of foreshadowing in *The Giver*. For each example, write a **specific prediction** about the character or plot development that you believe is being foreshadowed. After you finish reading the novel, reread your predictions to see how accurate they were. An example has been done for you.

Ex. Frightened meant that deep, sickening feeling of something terrible about to happen. Frightened was the way he had felt a year ago when an unidentified aircraft had overflown the community twice. . . . He had never seen aircraft so close, for it was against the rules for Pilots to fly over the community. (pg. 1)

Prediction: Planes flying over the community will frighten Jonas in the future. They may be war planes about to attack the community.

1. Father was listening with interest. “I’m thinking, Lily,” he said, “about the boy who didn’t obey the rules today. Do you think it’s possible that he felt strange and stupid, being in a new place with rules that he didn’t know about?”
Lily pondered that. “Yes,” she said, finally.
“I feel a little sorry for him,” Jonas said, “even though I don’t even know him. I feel sorry for anyone who is in a place where he feels strange and stupid.” (pg. 6)

Prediction: _____

2. Jonas and Lily nodded sympathetically as well. Release of newchildren was always sad, because they hadn’t had a chance to enjoy life within the community yet. And they hadn’t done anything wrong.
There were only two occasions of release which were not punishment. Release of the elderly, which was a time of celebration for a life well and fully lived; and release of a newchild, which always brought a sense of what-could-we-have-done. This was especially troubling for the Nurturers, like Father, who felt they had failed somehow. But it happened very rarely. (pgs. 7-8)

Name _____ Period _____

Prediction: _____

3. Jonas shivered. He knew it happened. There was even a boy in his group of Elevens whose father had been released years before. No one ever mentioned it; the disgrace was unspeakable. (pg. 9)

Prediction: _____

4. His father nodded. "His name—if he makes it to the Naming without being released, of course—is to be Gabriel. So I whisper that to him when I feed him every four hours, and during exercise and playtime." (pg. 12)

Prediction: _____

5. The Receiver was the most important Elder. Jonas had never even seen him, that he knew of; someone in a position of such importance lived and worked alone. (pg. 14)

Prediction: _____

6. "But it means," his mother went on, "that you'll move into a new group. And each of your friends will. You'll no longer be spending your time with your group of Elevens. After the Ceremony of Twelve, you'll be with your Assignment group, with those in training. No more volunteer hours. No more recreation hours. So your friends will no longer be as close." (pgs. 17-18)

Prediction: _____

7. Though he had been reassured by the talk with his parents, he hadn't the slightest idea what Assignment the Elders would be selecting for his future, or how he might feel about it when the day came. (pg. 19)

Prediction: _____
