

Chapters Seven–Eight

Standards Focus: Setting and Problem

Setting is one of the most important aspects of a novel. **Setting** includes:

- Time: historical time period, season, time of day
- Geographical location: weather, landforms, physical arrangement of locations
- General Environment: religious, mental, moral, and emotional conditions
- Social/Political Environment: daily manner of living, occupations, rules and government

Problem is the conflict that occurs in a novel. A desire to see the problem resolved encourages the reader to keep reading a book. In *The Giver*, the novel's setting contributes to the conflicts and problems that occur.

Directions: For each section, answer the questions about the novel's setting in complete sentences. Think about how the setting creates conflicts in the novel.

Time

1. When does the novel take place? _____

2. What season or time of year is it? _____

3. Without seasons, how does the community keep time? _____

Geography

4. What types of weather occur in the community? _____

5. What types of landforms, such as hills and rivers, exist in the community? _____

6. Describe the homes and buildings in the community. _____

7. How does the Sameness in the community's geography parallel the community's structures and values? _____

Name _____ Period _____

General Environment

8. Explain the community's religious and moral beliefs. _____

9. Explain how individual thought and personal decision-making is stifled in this community. _____

10. What problems might be created in a society that puts the needs of the community above all personal/individual desires? _____

Social/Political Environment

11. How do citizens select a career? How do Assignments complement the community's goals? _____

12. What aspects of citizens' daily lives does the government control? _____

13. What problems might occur because of this? _____

