

The Giver Reflective Essay

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A hero is a person or who, in the opinions of others, has heroic qualities or has performed a heroic act and is as a model or ideal. In Lois Lowry the book "The Giver", Jonas goes on an archetypal hero's journey through both positive and negative experience during his departure, initiation and return in this story I would consider Jonas as a hero because he took on many challenges such as being the receiver of memories. This is a huge job and he took the responsibilities. He rescued Gabe and went through many obstacles to reach his destination in the end. He underwent the harsh training of the job Receiver and lasted. I also wouldn't consider him as a hero because run away from the community. I don't think a real hero would do that.

Being assign to be the receiver was the call to adventure and the departure of the hero's journey. Jonas in the ceremony of twelve being assigned to be the next receiver (p.60).The Chief Elder said "Jonas has been selected". This meant he was going to be the next person to hold the memory of the community. Being the receiver is the most important job in the community because you must be smart and have integrity. The elder who called him knew that Jonas was like the other elders. This shows that he is called to adventure by starting a new job. The first call is when they call Jonas up stage and told him he was the new receiver. Jonas was confused.

Seeing beyond is the Initiation. Jonas has the capacity to see beyond said the chief elder (p.63). Which meant Jonas could see color, Jonas said he didn't have it. Jonas didn't what that meant. Jonas turned and looked at the crowd; he saw that their faces had changed. The experience with love is when Jonas got the memory of grandparent. Jonas felt joy when he receives this memory. I choose this T.E because Jonas like it its happiness there is no pain in this memory.

Jonas went to his first training, he met the giver. Jonas didn't think he was the receiver yet. The Giver said, "Jonas beginning today, this moment at least to me, you are the receiver.

The room was different from the other peoples dwelling (p.74).The most different thing he saw in the room was a book.

Jonas got his first memory; the giver transferred the memory of snow to Jonas (p.81).Jonas saw snow for the first time. He felt the icy crystals on his skin; he saw the torrent crystals in the air around him. He could see them gather on the backs of his hand.

The refusal of the return is when Jonas found out about release. Jonas got mad when he found out about release (p150-151). "He killed it! My father killed him!" Jonas said. "Jonas felt a ripping sensation inside himself, the feeling of terrible pain clawing its way forward to emerge in a cry."

The magic flight is when Jonas and the giver came with a plan to run away. But the giver didn't want to come with Jonas. The giver said, "I to go live with my daughter Rosemary.

Rescue from without is when Jonas rescue Gab. Jonas run away with Gabriel. Jonas though his dad was going to kill Gab. Jonas also share some memory with Gab.

The crossing or Return Threshold is when jonahs go down the hill. While Jonas is going down the hill, he see that people were waiting down the hill. Jonas also heard something for the first time it was music.

What defines a hero is a person who has the character trait of courage and their ability to put others before himself. Jonas is considered a hero because he saved Gabriel. Even though Jonas broke several laws in his community he did it to save Gabriel's life.

