Ch. 1

1. What evidence is there that the bicycle is the main method of transportation?

2. Why do you think the airplane’s flight was such a frightening experience?

3. Do you think that “the evening telling of feelings” has any value in this chapter? Why? Can you relate this ritual to your personal life?

4. What does apprehensive mean? Why does Jonas feel apprehensive throughout Ch. 1?

Ch.2

1a) Who is in Jonas’ family unit?

b) Are all family units the same? Explain.

2. Briefly describe the father’s job.

3. What are the comfort objects?

4. Why is the ceremony of 12 so different from the rest?

Ch. 3

1. Explain mother’s statement, “There’s very little honor in that assignment.” (p. 21)

2. Explain why Jonas was bewildered by the apple incident.

Ch. 4

1. At what age did the children become volunteers?

2. Why were the volunteer hours considered an enjoyable time?

Ch. 5

1. Explain the difference between family sharing in the morning and at supper time.