**Prompt #1--Role of language/irony behind it**

Thesis: The role of language in the community is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and this is ironic because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Body 1-Precision of language---be specific so that people don’t get their feelings hurt. They make announcements, you must correct yourself, you have to apologize. They also don’t use words like “love” because those words carry feelings, which they don’t understand.

\*Quote that backs this up

Body 2-Irony behind it---they purposely choose kinder words to trick the people into seeing things in a positive way

**Prompt #2-Utopia/Dystopia**

Thesis--- Jonas’s community has many pros and cons/positives and negatives advantages/disadvantages; however, there are more negatives than positives, which make this society a \_\_dystopia\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

In Jonas’s community there are more negatives than positives, which prove it is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Body1 –Pros---tell me all the positive things about the community

---explain that even though there are a few positives, there aren’t enough to make it a utopia

Body 2---Cons that prove it is a dystopia

Body 3—Cons that prove it is a dystopia

Cons---pick one for each body---rules, the way they treat people, memories, no choices (in jobs/spouses), sameness,

**Prompt #3-Individualism**

Thesis: Lois Lowry conveys/portrays/shows that individualism is important through the language, characters, and plot.

Body 1---Language proves that it is important to be an individual because in Jonas’s community people don’t get to choose the language they use. No free speech, freedom to express yourself how you want, etc. How does language stop/help you to become your own person?

Body 2—Jonas—how he learned the importance of choices/being your own person

Body 3—What are things that come up in the book (plot) that make you realize they can’t be themselves, and YOU can? How do certain parts of the story show you that it’s important to be yourself?

**Prompt #4-Nelson Mandela**

Thesis-The Giver does/does not prove that learning about suffering gives us hope for the future because Jonas’s experiences of the past gave him hope for the future (motivated him to achieve a better future).

Thesis-Through the memories of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that Jonas receives, affects his view of the future.

Body 1---Discuss a first memory or experience that Jonas has that causes him to want a better future

Body 2--- Discuss a second memory or experience that Jonas has that causes him to want a better future

Body 3- Discuss the third memory or experience that Jonas has that causes him to want a better future