

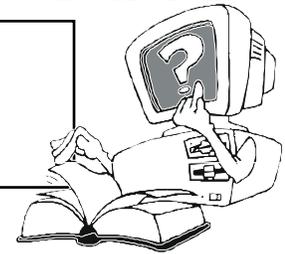
**THE GIVER** by Lois Lowry. Houghton Mifflin. 1994 Winner.

Imagine a world of peace where war, fear, and pain do not exist. Jonas lives in this world. Elders are in control and make rules for the Community. Committee members endorse the rules for the good of everyone. People who do not follow the rules are chastised for the first two offenses. The offender would be “released” if a rule was broken a third time. This is the world in which Jonas lives, a worry free world until he is chosen to be the next “Giver.”

**Activity Human Rights**

The General Assembly of the United Nations issued a Universal Declaration of Human Rights which should be assured for every human being. Read this list of 29 human rights on the web site. Choose five you believe are most important, and list them in the order of importance. **BE READY TO DEFEND YOUR CHOICES.**

**HUMAN RIGHTS**  
Universal Declaration of Human Rights  
General Assembly United Nations  
[www.un.org/rights/](http://www.un.org/rights/)



**Sample Choices**

1. Humans should act toward all in a spirit of brotherhood.
2. Rights are for all regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background.
3. Every human has the right to life, liberty, and security of person.
4. Slavery is prohibited in any form.
5. No one shall be subjected to torture, cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment.
6. All are equal before the law.

**Activity A Human Rights Leader**

**CESAR CHAVEZ**  
[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cesar\\_Chavez](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cesar_Chavez)



Read about this brave man who spoke for the rights of migrant workers. Present the information to your class in an interview session with class members asking questions and you answering as if you were Caesar Chavez.

**Good Reading**

*Caesar Chavez: Fighting for Farm Workers* by Eric Braun.  
Capstone Press, 2003.

