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Dystopian Literature: Winter Reading 2020-21

Dear Dystopian Literature students,

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Welcome to this great new class. To jump-start our discussion of dystopian literature, you will read *The Giver* by Lois Lowry and produce a written analysis of it. You may have read this before, but I would like you to revisit it in December. You should have the book in hand the first week of the semester.

1. Keep a journal as you read, making notes about how its world is different than our own. You may use any notebook or application you like to keep this journal; you will submit it in January.
2. When you have finished reading and journaling, write a two-paragraph analysis: the first paragraph will examine what Lowry suggests are the troubles facing our current world that this imagined world sought to rectify; the second paragraph will examine the unforeseen consequences of this new world. You may write using personal pronouns, but your analysis should be sharp, specific, and reliant on textual support.

Your journal and essay are due in hard copy form on the first day of class.

Hope you enjoy your break and your reading,

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