

The Giver

ANTICIPATION GUIDE

DIRECTIONS

- Before you read the book, read each of the statements and place a check next to “agree” or “disagree” in the BEFORE column.
- Compare your opinions with a partner’s opinions and discuss your reasons for agreeing or disagreeing.
- After you read the book, read the statements again and place a check next to “agree” or “disagree” under the AFTER column. How has your thinking changed?

BEFORE Reading		Statement	AFTER Reading	
agree	disagree		agree	disagree
		It is better to live without pain, even if it means living without deep joy.		
		People are happier when important choices are made for them by others who know best.		
		A community should do whatever it takes to keep everyone safe, even if that means limiting freedom.		
		Some memories are too painful to be worth keeping.		
		Being different from everyone else is dangerous.		
		Feelings like love are too risky to build a community around.		
		It is sometimes right to break the rules to do what you believe is good.		
		Lying is acceptable if it protects people from being upset.		