

Essay #2 – The Giver – DUE Thursday, March 28 Topic The Giver, much like Fahrenheit 451, deals with the state of the future of the world. Lois Lowry foresees a world where a “utopia” has been created by the use of total “government” control through the use of many rules and laws. Choose ONE of the three topics below to write your essay on: 1. The idea of “sameness” is seen throughout The Giver. “Our people made the choice, the choice to go to sameness” (p. 120). Any idea of individuality is shunned. People are taught to not stick out or be unique. They “did away with differences” (p. 120). Look at this idea throughout the book. How does the idea of sameness vs. individuality from the book compare/contrast to society today? What do we think of these two concepts? Are these concepts forced upon people? Are these concepts looked at differently depending on the situation and/or people? 2. Write a paper that compares/contrasts life in the community of The Giver with life in the United States today. Include at least three of these aspects of life in your paper: Human life/death, love and relationships, family, use of language, use of drugs (including alcohol and tobacco), sexuality, and human emotion. 3. In the novel, much like Fahrenheit 451, many rules/laws are created in order to keep the citizens in line and to create “sameness” and stability. As has often been said in today’s world, with every law and rule enacted, some personal freedom is lost. “We gained control of many things. But we had to let go of others” (p. 120). Look at several laws today and their value in protecting society versus the corresponding loss of personal freedom. Write an essay that proves or disproves this theory on laws and personal freedom. Layout Your paper is to be 3 to 6 pages long. Remember to fully explain your ideas using examples to prove your points. For this essay you must use at least two outside sources. This means you will need a correctly formatted, MLA Works Cited page and you will need to cite the information when you use it in your paper. Please see The Little Seagull Handbook section on documentation, pgs. 119-169 if you need help or go to HFCC’s library website for further help and explanation. All papers need to be typed and should follow the below guidelines. • Double spaced • Times New Roman, 12 point font • 1 inch margins all around All papers should have a separate title page that includes: a title for your essay, your name, which essay it is, the date you turn it in, and the class (ENG 132-02 or 132-10). Make sure that you underline your thesis statement. Remember, much like essay #1, points will be deducted for each guideline that is not followed. This essay is worth 100 points and the same rubric as essay #1 will be used. Late essays will NOT be accepted.