


Jonas Makes a Choice

Cost-Benefit Analysis

In *The Giver*, by Lois Lowry, a twelve-year-old boy finds himself in a life-changing situation. Should he remain in the only home he has ever known now that he has discovered that along with sameness and safety comes heartlessness? Or should he leave to find the unknown community of Elsewhere? And if he leaves, should he take the baby, Gabriel, with him? What should he do? Help him decide by filling in this chart with some of the advantages and disadvantages of the two possible alternatives (choices).

	Alternative 1 Stay in the Sameness Community	Alternative 2 Leave to find Elsewhere
Benefits <i>Advantages or Good Points</i>	   	   
Costs <i>Disadvantages or Bad Points</i>	   	   