

11/18/15

Dear Parents and Guardians:

In class, we have been reading the Newberry Award-winning novel, *The Giver*, by Lois Lowry. I would like to show the movie version of the novel and discuss the differences between the novel and movie during class. However, this movie is rated PG-13, and I require your permission before I allow your child to watch the movie in my class.

The movie's website: <https://thegiverfilm.com/>

The information below is copied from:
<http://parentpreviews.com/movie-reviews/giver>

Synopsis: When Jonas [Brendon Thwaites] is chosen to succeed "The Giver" in his community, he is mentored for the job by the present man of wisdom [Jeff Bridges]. From the elder the teen receives some startling secrets about the utopian society in which they live.

Why is *The Giver* Rated PG-13?

The Giver is rated PG-13 for a mature thematic image and some sci-fi action/violence.



Violence: Soldiers on the battlefield are afraid. They shoot and kill one another. (Gun shots are shown, but no blood.) Some die. Poachers shoot an elephant for its ivory. The animal's body is struck with bullets and he stumbles and falls. Real news footage is shown of various world conflicts, protests and disasters. Lethal injections are given to infants, the elderly and the disobedient (these are both discussed and shown). A character is chased by law enforcers, and electrocuted with a weapon. A teen and child are dropped from a height into a turbulent river. Characters survive to survive against the elements.

Please sign and return the permission slip by Monday, November 23, as this is the day I plan to begin the movie.

If you have additional questions, please contact your child's Language Arts teacher:
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My child, _____:

_____ **Has my permission** to watch the PG-13 rated film, "The Giver", in class, and then complete the movie/novel comparison.

_____ **Is NOT allowed** to watch the movie. Instead, I prefer that he/she complete an alternative reading assignment during this time.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____