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Dear Student:

After reading The Giver, you are to write a one and one-half to two page typed, double-spaced persuasive essay in which you *agree or disagree* with the general practices of the society that the author presents in the novel. In your essay, make comparisons to our contemporary society and relate how our current rights and freedoms are more or less advantageous than those enjoyed (or not enjoyed) by the characters in the novel. Your essay **must persuade** the reader that one system of social order is better than the other.

Your essay must contain a minimum of three areas of comparison and persuasion but no more than five comparisons. Each point you identify must be supported with evidence, facts, or information from the novel. Also, the essay must include an introduction, supporting paragraphs, a conclusion, and must be written in third person. The essay will be evaluated based upon your writing technique and ability as well as its content. Be certain to incorporate the appropriate use of transitions, topic sentences, grammar, and punctuation.

Welcome to the Honors Program. Next year will mark the beginning of a challenging, yet rewarding, experience for you. I look forward to seeing you in September. Have an enjoyable summer!

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