

English II

***The Truman Show* vs *The Giver* Compare and Contrast Essay**

Following the viewing of *The Truman Show*, you will be writing an essay comparing and contrasting the movie with the book *The Giver*. There are many options for comparing between the two. Some ideas of what you should be thinking about are below, but keep in mind there are many more in which you could argue. (Please delve beyond just Truman and Jonas' personalities)

- Jonas vs Truman's family lifestyles
- Choice
- Environment/Surroundings
- Construction and Perception of Reality
- Responsibility of Ethics
- Identity
- Pleasures in life
- Emotions when the characters come to the realization about his life

Above and Beyond:

Some of you will have the option to go above and beyond, while others will be required

In addition to comparing *The Truman Show* and *The Giver*, you need to add in a third element. **Option 1:** Compare your life to the lives of Jonas and Truman. The essay can include the same topics, but must include the comparison of your life. Include how you would answer this question: How much do we, as people, have control over circumstances and outcomes?

Option 2: Compare the realities of reality tv with the lives of Jonas and Truman. You can include, but are not limited to, live shows, news programs and reality tv. Be specific in how you think these are produced and controlled for the viewer's consumption.

Each assignment is individualized to help you achieve your highest academic capabilities. Please look at the rubric to determine the number of main points and length requirements.

