Close Reading Activity

Read chapters 1-2 of The Giver. As you read, think about the following questions. You do not have to answer the questions on paper. This is an activity you will do silently as you are reading, or you may jot your ideas down on paper if you would like.

1. Does Jonas remind you of anyone?
2. Why is Jonas so worried about the word he needs to use to express himself?
3. What is odd about the community and the month of December?
4. Why would Jonas be afraid of a plane?
5. What does the scene at the table remind you of?
6. What is odd about the way they “comfort” Mother?
7. What is different about their family?
8. How would you feel if your profession was chosen for you right now?
9. When do they stop counting birthdays?