

# Babies and Birthdays

SUGGESTED LEARNING STRATEGIES: Graphic Organizer, Prewriting, Notetaking, Word Map

In Chapters 2 and 3 of *The Giver*, you discover information about the way families are made and the way birthdays are celebrated in Jonas's society. Look through the chapters for information about the customs regarding babies and birthdays and list them in the left column. Directly across from each piece of information, list the customs with which you are familiar. Be sure that the information you document in the right column directly corresponds with the idea or concept in the left column. These are called *parallel differences*. One has been done for you.

How Families Are Created	
Jonas's Society	Our Society
How Birthdays Are Celebrated	
Jonas's Society	Our Society
Everyone celebrates their birthday on the same day, in December.	People celebrate their birthdays on the anniversary of the day they were born.

You can see that the two societies have similarities and differences. Write a paragraph comparing or contrasting either the way Jonas's society and our society create families or the way Jonas's society and our society celebrate birthdays.

Think about how to organize a **compare/contrast** paragraph. Two ways to organize the points of comparison are by subject and by feature.

**Subject-by-subject:** Discuss the customs of one society first and then discuss the customs of the other society.

Jonas's society

birthday customs

birthday customs

birthday customs

Our society

birthday custom

birthday custom

birthday custom

**Feature-by-feature:** Go back and forth in your discussion of the two societies, comparing and contrasting each custom.

Birthday custom

Jonas's society

Our society

Birthday custom

Jonas's society

Our society

Birthday custom

Jonas's society

Our society

## GRAMMAR & USAGE

When using quoted material as textual evidence, you must cite the page number of the quoted material in parentheses following the quote. This is called a **parenthetical citation**. When this citation comes at the end of the sentence, place the page number in parentheses after the end quotation marks, and directly before the period or end mark.

Remember to use transition words to help your reader follow your ideas. Some transition words for comparison are:

also    in the same way    likewise    similarly    furthermore

Some transition words for contrast are:

yet    however    in contrast    but    instead