



THE GIVER: PLAYLIST FOR JONAS

“For the first time, he heard something that he knew to be music. He heard people singing.”

At the end of the book, Jonas hears music and singing for the very first time. The Giver cherished his own memories of music, but he never got to transmit those memories before Jonas left the community.

In order to welcome Jonas to the place where he and Gabe go at the end of the book, create a playlist of 10 meaningful songs that will introduce Jonas to music. Consider the following tips as you plan your playlist:

- Include a variety of different music types and genres.
- Include songs from various times and places.
- Include songs that have significant meaning in your own life or community.

Use the space below to brainstorm some ideas and take notes as you research and plan your playlist. When you consider songs that have significant meaning in your own life or community, think about songs that remind you of certain people, places, events, emotions, or experiences.



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List the songs you have chosen to include on your playlist for Jonas. Include the song title, the artist, and a rationale for why that song would be perfect for Jonas’s playlist. What is significant about the song, and why should it be one of the first songs Jonas hears?

1) Song title:	Artist:
Rationale: _____ _____ _____	
2) Song title:	Artist:
Rationale: _____ _____ _____	
3) Song title:	Artist:
Rationale: _____ _____ _____	
4) Song title:	Artist:
Rationale: _____ _____ _____	
5) Song title:	Artist:
Rationale: _____ _____ _____	



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Rationale: _____ _____ _____	
7) Song title: _____	Artist: _____
Rationale: _____ _____ _____	
8) Song title: _____	Artist: _____
Rationale: _____ _____ _____	
9) Song title: _____	Artist: _____
Rationale: _____ _____ _____	
10) Song title: _____	Artist: _____
Rationale: _____ _____ _____	

★ Bonus option: With a parent or teacher’s help, use a music streaming service to actually create this playlist!