

Jonas Makes a Choice



Part I

Which Choice Would You Make?

If you were Jonas, which one of the following choices would you make before the next scheduled naming ceremony? Once you have made your choice list three costs and benefits concerning it.

1. Leave the Sameness Community to find Elsewhere.
2. Stay in the Sameness Community and help the Giver.
3. Leave the Sameness Community and take baby Gabriel with you.
4. Stay in the Sameness Community and do your job.

Choice # _____

Costs-

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Benefits-

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Part II

Vocabulary Word Choices

Use at least five of these economic concepts to write a paragraph describing how you think Jonas may have come to his decision to stay in the Sameness Community or leave to find Elsewhere. Underline each vocabulary word. You may use the back of this paper.

- Alternatives** - the different possibilities from which a choice may be made
Benefit - reward gained from an action or activity
Choice - takes place whenever someone makes a personal decision to use limited resources
Cost - the benefit given up when a choice is made
Cost-benefit analysis - an analysis of the cost effectiveness of different alternatives in order to see whether the benefits outweigh the costs
Incentive - an expected reward or penalty that motivates a person to take an action
Opportunity cost - that which is given up when a choice is made; the alternative given up
Scarcity - the condition of limited resources; because resources are limited, people must make choices