

Rules and Choices

Complete both of the following group-brainstormed activities:

1. Classifying: Making Choices. Brainstorm 10 things individuals in your group do everyday.

Then classify each activity as 1) one that is totally your choice (**MC**), 2) one in which they have some choice (**SC**), or 3) one in which they have no choice (**NC**). Then, answer these questions in 3 sentences of writing: What patterns did you notice? What arguments did you have? How much of our lives are governed by our own choices, and how much is governed by choices others make?

2. Connecting to Real Life: Book of Rules. Discuss why it is important to follow rules in society. Then create a list of rules they follow at home, at school, or in your community. Divide the rules into two groups: those that you believe are important and essential and those that are not important or are unnecessary. Save this set of rules to compare to Jonas' experience with rules as the novel progresses.