My Utopia

For your final project for The Giver, you will be creating a brochure for a better utopia than Jonas’s world, your own. Through your brochure, you will try to convince your classmates to sign up to live in your world. As you create the world, remember what we learned in The Giver. What might be some of the difficulties in creating a perfect society? (If you’re going to create a society where everyone got along, how would you make sure this happened? Give everyone equal amounts of things so they would have no reason to be jealous and angry with each other? Punish anyone who doesn’t get along?) After break, we will present the utopias, vote on the society that we would most like to live in, and see which utopia receives the most votes.

In your brochure, you should include:

- A description of the government in your world (ex: who rules it, how are leaders chosen, what are the laws, what does the government do for the people who live there?)
- A description of the environment (ex: what is the weather like? What does the society look like; a city, an island paradise? What type of technology do they have, or not have?)
- A description of the culture, community and interaction (ex: ceremonies, community values, friendships, family)

Remember, in your brochure, you want to convince the class to live in your community. You will want to make your community sound as appealing as possible, but if there are draw backs to your community (for example, in The Giver, they have eliminated hatred, but by eliminating diversity and emotions, including love) you legally have to tell the public about them. Therefore, you must include a fine print where you describe any drawbacks to living in your community.

Finally, you will write up a one page reflection of your community, describing the choices you made in your community, and why you think yours is the best utopia. Please include one reference to how reading The Giver influenced one piece of your utopia.

Your project will be due on Thursday, December 3rd

Good luck! I can’t wait to see the presentations!
Rubric

**Utopia Content:** 40 points

___ You discuss the government of your utopia

___ You discuss the environment of your utopia.

___ You discuss the community, culture and relationships in your utopia.

___ Each aspect of your utopia shows care and thought. You consider how each aspect would really play out, and what would be best for everyone in your society.

**Brochure content:** 20 points

___ You use advertising techniques to convince your classmates why they should live in your community.

___ Your brochure is creative and looks appealing (neat, colorful, few grammar and spelling errors).

**Fine Print:** 10 points

___ You include a description of any potential problems you predict could arise in your community.

**Reflection:** 20 points

___ You describe the choices you made while creating your utopia, and explain your reasoning.

___ You reference one part of *The Giver*, and explain how it influenced your creation of your utopia.

**Presentation:** 10 points

___ You give a persuasive presentation to your class, convincing them that they should want to live in your community.