GATHERING BLUE study guide

**Characters to know:**

You should know each of the following characters. What role do they play; what major events are they a part of?

Kira Matt Thomas

Jo Jamison Christopher

Katrina Vandara Annabel

What is a protagonist; who is it in this story?

What is an antagonist; who is it?

Kira’s disability (probably really Cerebral Palsey): what problem does she have?

Why is that a problem especially in terms of her society?

Kira’s dad: what does Kira think happened to him? What really happened?

**Events to know:**

The trial at the beginning:

Who are the 2 main girls involved?

Why is there a trial?

What’s the outcome?

3 points of Vandara’s argument?

What evidence does Jamison supply?

What’s The Gathering? How often does it occur?

What’s the role of the Singer?

What is The Ruin referenced in the song?

What is unique/magical about Kira’s cloth?

What is important about the Singer’s Robe?

Who are the 3 kids brought to The Guardians/why?

What 2 qualities do those 3 kids have in common?

In the beginning of the novel, why is Kira in the Field of Leaving?

How does naming work in this novel in terms of numbers of syllables in each name?

Vandara’s scar: where did she say she got it, and how did she really get it?

What do we learn about the Beasts of the forest as the novel goes on?

Matt disappears for awhile, and then returns to Kira with what 2 gifts?

What does the chain around the Singer help reveal to us about the government?

How is Kira’s father’s community different from Kira’s?

At the end of the book, Kira decides to do what?

Society:

How are handicapped viewed in their society?

How do they use gender for jobs/responsibilities?

Is there an upper/middle/lower class?

Kira’s keepsake (was a gift to her mother from her father)?

What does Thomas make as a gift for Kira?

Jamison wears a carved pendant with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

How do Thomas and Kira tell Jo to communicate if she ever needs them?

Kira gets what info from Matt’s brother, and gives him what in return?

What’s the significance of the title of the novel?

How was the Council Edifice building described? What did it likely used to be?

The setting of Gathering Blue is generally when and where?

What genre of literature is this novel? (Biography, fable, fiction, poetry, etc)

Tone is the author’s attitude toward a subject. What do you think Lois Lowry REALLY thinks about handicapped people? What does she REALLY think about governments that control its people?