

## **The Hunger Games Chapter Discussion and Check Questions (Combination)**

### **Chapter 5**

1. Where are Katniss and Peeta taken when they arrive in the Capitol?
2. What do these people do to Katniss?
3. Who is Katniss's stylist?
4. How does Katniss feel about Cinna?
5. What is his plan for her outfit for the Opening Ceremony?
6. What "slogan" does her stylist come up with for her? Why is this fitting for Katniss?
7. Why are the two District 12 tributes presented as a team?
8. What is the reaction from the Capitol crowd to the District 12 tributes in the Opening Ceremonies? How might this help them in the Games?
9. Describe the Capitol. How is it different from District 12?
10. What can you infer about the Capitol citizens based on their behavior and appearance? How do they view (and treat) the district citizens/tributes?
11. What is the point of the Opening Ceremonies and all the events leading up to the Games?

### **Chapter 6**

1. Which floor of the Training Center is assigned to Katniss, Peeta and their team?
2. (p. 74) What is ironic about Effie calling the people of District 12 *barbarians*?
3. What does Effie mean when she says, "...if you put enough pressure on coal, it turns to pearls!"?
4. Katniss dismisses Effie's metaphor because, literally, she knows pearls cannot be created with pressurized coal, they come from *what*?
5. How did Peeta "save" Katniss at dinner?
6. What is an Avox?
7. Where had Katniss seen the Avox girl previously?
8. Do you think it is merely coincidence that the red-headed Avox girl is serving the district 12 tributes, the nearest district from where she was captured? Could it be possible that the Capitol knows Katniss was in the woods that day? Why or why not?

### **Chapter 7**

1. What strategy does Haymitch suggest for Katniss and Peeta during training? How does it set them apart from the other tributes? Do you think it will be effective? Why or why not?
2. List Katniss and Peeta's skills and strengths.
3. In chapter 7, what does Katniss do in her private session with the Gamemakers?
4. Why did Katniss react the way she did while in her private session?
5. True or False: One of Katniss's skills is shooting with a bow and arrow.
6. True or False: One of Peeta's skills is throwing a knife.
7. True or False: Katniss shoots at a turkey during her private session with the Gamemakers.
8. Compare the modern conveniences in the Capitol with the primitive living conditions of District 12. List them.
9. Why the stark contrast between the two? What other differences do you see between the Capitol and District 12?

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### **Chapter 8**

1. (p. 106-107) How did the group cheer Katniss up?
2. How would you respond to Katniss's private session if you were a Gamemaker? Why?
3. True or False: Peeta scored a 7 for his training session.
4. True or False: Katniss scores a 12 for her training session.
5. What skills did Katniss learn from Gale?
6. What did she trade him for this knowledge?
7. What does Gale mean to Katniss?
8. Why does Katniss feel she could never feel that way about Peeta?
9. Why do you think Peeta wants to train separately?

### **Chapter 9**

1. (p. 114) Katniss lists four reasons why she should trust Peeta, even though she can't. What are those four reasons?
2. Why is the interview (and appealing to the crowd) so important for a tribute?
3. List all the different personalities (or "angles") Haymitch attempts to have Katniss practice while he is coaching her for her interview.
4. Is she successful at any of these "angles"? Explain.
5. Why does Haymitch have difficulty coaching Katniss for her interview? How would you coach her if you were him?
6. How is Cinna able to help Katniss prepare for her interview?
7. Describe Caesar Flickerman. Does he remind you of any current TV personalities or talk show hosts?
8. Whose interview steals the show, Katniss's or Peeta's?
9. What shocking (to Katniss) news does Peeta share during his interview?
10. Was this news surprising to you as a reader?
11. Why do you think Katniss was taken aback at Peeta's feelings for her?
12. What do you think Peeta's motivation is with his announcement at the end of part 1?

### **Prediction:**

What do you think will happen in Part II? Why? Give evidence based on what you have read so far. If you read ahead, give examples of foreshadowing from Part I that clued you in to future events.

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### **PART II**

#### **Chapter 10**

1. Peeta says that he doesn't want to lose himself once the Games begin and that he wants to prove he's not just a "piece in their Games." What does he mean by this?
2. How will the Capitol and audience be able to locate the tributes in the arena? What does this remind you of?
3. How do you feel about Capitol residents touring the past arenas? How does it make Katniss feel? Can you think of places that people vacation to that might be similar to the Hunger Games arenas? Why do people visit them? Are we any different than the Capitol residents in this regard? Why or why not?
4. What is the purpose of a district token? Can you think of any events in real life where people might bring a token with them? Explain.

#### **Chapter 11**

1. What does a Cornucopia symbolize in the fall? What does it symbolize in the novel?
2. True or False: Katniss dismisses Haymitch's advice to head for cover and instead runs to the Cornucopia.
3. True or False: Peeta forms an alliance with the Careers.
4. True or False: Katniss finds water at the end of the first day.
5. Would you join an alliance or play the game on your own? Why?
6. Why do the Careers accept Peeta as their ally?

#### **Chapter 12**

1. How does Katniss manipulate the audience at the beginning of chapter 12?
2. Where are the cameras? They aren't visible to Katniss, therefore they aren't visible to the readers. Where do you think they are hidden? Or are they so high-tech that they are invisible? Elaborate.
3. How does Katniss show her skills?
4. Why doesn't Haymitch send her water?

#### **Chapter 13**

1. How do the Gamemakers intervene during the Hunger Games? Do you think it is playing fairly? Why or why not?
2. True or False: Katniss severely injures her calf.
3. True or False: Katniss is chased up a tree by Thresh and Rue.
4. How does Katniss make the Careers look foolish?

#### **Chapter 14**

1. What is the Capitol's attitude about living things? What about their creations, like the muttations? The Capitol people/government left the male jabberjays to die out and did not destroy the tracker jacker nests around the districts (only those near the Capitol). What does this say about the Capitol?
2. What gift does Katniss receive? Why is it "priceless" to Katniss?
3. True or False: Katniss warns Rue that she is going to attempt to harm the Careers.
4. True or False: Katniss throws a mockingjay nest on the Careers.
5. True or False: Katniss is unable to steal the bow and arrow from the District 8 boy.
6. True or False: Peeta saves Katniss's life by warning her that Cato is after her.
7. What is Peeta's real motivation for joining the Careers?

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### **Chapter 15**

1. True or False: Katniss hallucinates and is unconscious for about two days.
2. True or False: Rue and Katniss spend the night in a cave.
3. Peeta aligns with the Careers and Katniss eventually aligns with Rue. What are the benefits of alliances? What are the downfalls?
4. How do the conditions in District 11 differ from those in District 12? Explain
5. Why doesn't the Capitol want the viewers to learn about the other districts? How does it benefit the Capitol?

### **Chapter 16**

1. Why does Rue like mockingjays? Why does Katniss like mockingjays? How are the two girls similar to the bird?
2. Compare Katniss and Rue's tokens.
3. Describe the Careers' survival skills. In what ways are they superior to Katniss's and the other tributes? In what ways are they lacking?
4. Describe Rue and Katniss's plan for taking out the Career's supplies:
5. Who does Katniss see stealing supplies from the Careers?
6. Which other tribute has formed an alliance with the Careers?
7. How does Katniss destroy the supplies? (Be specific.)

### **Chapter 17**

1. How is Katniss injured?
2. Why does this injury especially scare her?
3. Where does she hide from the Careers?
4. Why does Cato kill the District 3 boy?
5. Why is Katniss tempted to form an alliance with Foxface? Why does she decide against it?
6. What is a "hollow day"?
7. How does Katniss know something went wrong as she is looking for Rue?

### **Chapter 18**

1. How does Rue die?
2. What does the word "rue" mean? What does it mean to "rue the day"? How is this symbolic of the events at the end of part II?
3. If Katniss had given Rue her knife when they separated, would things have turned out differently for Rue? Why or why not?
4. Analyze the meadow song Katniss sings to Rue. She says it's often sung to crying babies (think about "Rock-a-bye, Baby" or other lullabies). How does the song fit the moment? How does it relate to Rue?
5. Why do Peeta's words suddenly become clear to Katniss?
6. List all the ways that Katniss shows compassion toward Rue as she dies and after she dies:
7. How do the people/sponsors of District 11 react to Rue's death?
8. Why is their (District 11's) action noteworthy, or remarkable?
9. What news does Claudius bring?

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### **REVIEW Part II**

1. HUMANITY Theme: Which characters in Part II show **humanity** toward others? How do they show this?
2. INHUMANITY Theme: Which characters in Part II show **inhumanity** toward others? How do they show this?
3. Why does Katniss put flowers around Rue's body? What might they symbolize?
4. How does Katniss act differently for the cameras while in the arena? Give specifics.
5. A. Give examples of how the tributes are treated as animals. Also, look for wording in the text that hints to the animal comparison.  
B. List other events from history (or present day) where people were (or are) treated or referred to as animals. What is the purpose of making that comparison?
6. How did the Gamemakers control the environment in the arena during part 2?
7. What is the purpose of the Hunger Games?
8. What is desensitization (define it in your own words) AND how has the author expressed this theme so far in Part 2?
9. Give one example of how Katniss showed rebellion against the Capitol in Part 2.
10. List all the injuries Katniss and Peeta have sustained thus far in the novel.

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### **PART III**

#### **Chapter 19**

1. What motivates Katniss to try to find Peeta? Is it for her own gain or well-being, or his?
2. True or False: Katniss finds Peeta next to the lake.
3. True or False: Katniss washes Peeta's wounds and bandages them.
4. True or False: Peeta and Katniss take shelter in a copse of trees.
5. True or False: Katniss and Peeta kiss for the first time, ever.
6. True or False: Katniss is going to have to ramp up the romance if she wants to receive more than the loaf of bread Haymitch sent.
7. Katniss is constantly thinking about how the audience is perceiving her, whereas Peeta (we think, anyway) just says what he feels. Why?
8. If the rule hadn't changed, would Katniss still try to find and save Peeta's life? Why or why not?

#### **Chapter 20**

1. List the final 6 tributes by name and district #:
2. When Katniss checks Peeta's wounds, she diagnoses him with what condition?
3. What story does Katniss share with Peeta?
4. What is Claudius Templesmith's big announcement?
5. What does Haymitch send Katniss?
6. What purpose will this gift serve for Katniss and Peeta?
7. Why is Katniss willing to go to the feast to get the medicine for Peeta?
8. A. Katniss wonders if her family will stay at home to watch the feast or go to the town square, where it will be broadcast and certainly school will be canceled so people can view it live. Where do you think her mother and sister will watch it?  
B. What does it say about their society that it is not only mandatory viewing, but worthy of canceling school for?  
C. What sort of events do we cancel school for or have a holiday break?  
D. Does this reflect our community's priorities? Why/why not?

#### **Chapter 21**

1. In order to go to the feast, Katniss must drug Peeta. Of course, we know it's never a good idea to drug your friends. Is this an exception? Does it make that act morally acceptable? Why or why not.
2. Think about the moral dilemma Katniss faces with saving Peeta's life with the phrase: "The end justifies the means." She reasons that the means to get the medicine (knocking Peeta out) justifies the end result (saving his life). How do we use this reasoning in real life? Do lawmakers/politicians make decisions based on this? How? (Give examples.)
3. As Katniss waits for the "feast" to begin, she hides:
  - A. inside the cornucopia
  - B. in Rue's hideout by the lake
  - C. up in a large tree near the cornucopia
  - D. in the tall grass
4. Who is the first to retrieve their pack?
5. Where was Clove just starting to cut Katniss before she was interrupted?
6. Who saved Katniss's life?
7. Why did that person save Katniss?
8. Which tribute dies at the "feast"?

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9. What type of moth is a "green and silver" moth?
10. What might it symbolize?

### **Chapter 22**

1. List examples of characters who feel as though they owed another character something.
2. Why do you think some characters (like Katniss and Thresh) feel as though they "owe" someone for kindness, and others (like Peeta) never expect "payment" for their kindness shown.
3. When Peeta says "Haymitch said you would take a lot of convincing," what was he referring to?
4. Even though they've kissed before, how is this kiss between Peeta and Katniss different for her?
5. When and how did Peeta fall in love with Katniss?
6. What was the gift they received at the end of chapter 22?

### **Chapter 23**

1. What will Katniss and Peeta's job be each year if they win the Hunger Games?
2. What conclusion do they reach about how Haymitch won his Games?
3. Why wouldn't the audience understand why Katniss is upset over Thresh's death?
4. Why won't Katniss allow herself to marry or ever have a child?
5. How does Foxface die?

### **Chapter 24**

1. According to Katniss, why does Cato have a "special hatred" for her?
2. How do the Gamemakers drive the tributes together?
3. Where do Katniss and Peeta go to wait for Cato?
4. What is Cato wearing?
5. Why is Cato running?

### **Chapter 25**

1. What was Cato running from?
2. What attributes does Katniss notice right away that distinguishes themselves as unnatural beings?
3. What psychological impact could the wolf mutts have on a tribute? Why? Is this worse than the physical threat? Explain.
4. When they are at the top of the cornucopia, why can't Katniss shoot to kill Cato?
5. Why does Katniss wait so long to kill Cato? How does she feel when she finally does?
6. How does Cato die?
7. As Cato is dying, how does Katniss feel about him? How has this changed from the beginning of the Games? How do YOU feel about Cato's death? What message might the author want you to take from this?
8. Why doesn't the celebration begin as soon as Cato dies?
9. Right before the rule change is announced Katniss is looking around for a stick for Peeta's tourniquet and finds her arrow instead (page 342). We know why Katniss picks up the arrow, but the audience does not hear her thought process. From their viewpoint, what might it look like instead?
10. How does Peeta react to Claudius's final announcement?
11. What is Katniss's first reaction to the rule change?

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12. Do you think Katniss could really kill Peeta, as she almost did? Why or why not?
13. Why is the moment with the berries an act of rebellion against the Capitol?
14. Do you think Peeta was acting? Or would he follow through with killing himself and letting Katniss die? Why or why not?

### **Chapter 26**

1. What happens to Katniss and Peeta after they've announced them as the winners?
2. Who is the first person Katniss calls out for when she recovers?
3. Why doesn't Katniss get to see Peeta?
4. When the victors greet their mentor, escort, and stylist, why do they wear the same outfit they wore when they entered the arena? How might this be perceived by the Capitol audience?
5. Describe the dress Cinna designs for Katniss's exit interview.
6. How does it make Katniss look (what is the effect and how is she portrayed)?
7. What is Cinna's motivation for this design, do you think?
8. What is Haymitch's warning to Katniss? Why didn't he have to tell Peeta?

### **Chapter 27**

1. How had Cinna helped Katniss with his wardrobe choice for her?
2. How did the Capitol filmmakers edit Rue's death? (Which part(s) did they eliminate?)
3. Why did the filmmakers edit that part or parts?
4. As part of their victors' duties, what will Peeta and Katniss have to do in a few months?
5. What is Katniss's and Peeta's relationship like at the end of the book? Why?
6. List the injuries Katniss and Peeta sustained in Part 3.



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### **END OF NOVEL Additional Questions**

1. How we behave when we are placed into uncomfortable or terrible situations says a lot about our character. Which tributes showed humanity toward others, showed they had good character, in the arena? Which tributes gave in to cruelty and went along with the inhumanity of the Games? How did they show their true colors?
2. Research the word: Panem. What does it mean? How does it apply to the Hunger Games?
3. What would happen if the Capitol citizens were no longer entertained? Or happy?
  - Would they remain loyal to The Capitol? What would happen then?
  - How is this similar to modern-day politics? Do politicians today make promises to ensure support?
  - What motivates a citizen to remain loyal to a leader?
4. What will happen next? Will Katniss and Peeta begin a relationship? How will Gale react? How will their lives change?
5. Why does Katniss have a hard time opening up to others (including when the cameras are off and even before the Reaping)? Explain with examples from the novel.
6. Give three examples of how Katniss showed rebellion against the Capitol in the novel.
7. How did the Gamemakers control the environment to keep the Games exciting? (Give at least four specific examples.)

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### **MAKING CONNECTIONS: QUOTES**

How do each of the quotes connect to the novel? Read each one and give an example of how the quote may apply to a character, an event, a theme, etc.

1. "I have learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends on our dispositions and not on our circumstances." -Martha Washington
2. "What you really value is what you miss, not what you have." -Jorge Luis Borges
3. "The world is dangerous to live in, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and let them do so." -Albert Einstein
4. "Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed." -Dwight D. Eisenhower
5. "I expect to pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to my fellow-creature, let me do it now. Let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again." -Stephen Grellet
6. "In a consumer society there are inevitably two kinds of slaves: the prisoners of addiction and the prisoners of envy." -Ivan Illich
7. "Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better." -Albert Einstein
8. "It is curious that physical courage should be so common in the world, and moral courage so rare." -Mark Twain
9. "The measure of a man is what he does with power." -Pittacus
10. "What's done to children, they will do to society." -Karl Menninger
11. "We should often be ashamed of our very best actions, if the world only saw the motives which caused them." -Francois de La Rochefoucauld