Chapters 1-27 & Epilogue
Handouts/Worksheets
Includes comprehension and check questions, higher-level questioning, figurative language practice, and supplemental activities
Answers found beginning on PAGE 63
Note to Teachers: Some of the handouts are check questions (to assess whether a student read the material or comprehended it), some of the handouts are a combination of comprehension questions and critical thinking questions. Some chapters have multiple handouts. This is because I had to differentiate for some of my students who have an IEP. Although, some of the chapters may only have one handout. I apologize that I don’t have the same amount for every chapter, but we needed to move on and do other activities (see supplemental handouts). The discussion questions from Scholastic are another alternative. See my teacher’s answer key and printables for the Scholastic guide.

Answers begin on page 63
Part I: The Ashes - Chapter 1 (pages 3-15)

1. What is the setting in the opening scene of the novel?

2. How much time has passed since the end of Catching Fire (when we left off with Katniss en route to District 13)?

3. Which part of District 12 “escaped incineration”?

4. What is the technique Katniss uses to un-jumble her thoughts, or make things clear in her mind?

5. Why are thoughts jumbled for her (what causes her confusion)?

6. Who does Katniss blame for District 12 being destroyed?

7. How was Gale able to save some of the District 12 residents?

8. What “motive” did District 13 have for taking in all the refugees, according to Dalton?

The Fates of the Characters - Describe what happened to each of these characters (if known):

9. Peeta’s parents and two brothers:

10. Madge & her family:

11. Beetee:

12. Finnick Odair:

13. Cinna:

14. Gale’s family:

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Chapter 1 questions, Continued

New Characters - Briefly describe each new character by who they are, what they look like, etc.

15. Dalton: ______________________________________

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16. Fulvia Cardew: _____________________________________

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17. Alma Coin: _________________________________________

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18. Who does Katniss find in District 12 and bring back to District 13? ____________________

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SYMBOLISM - President Snow’s Rose

1. Describe a normal rose. What does it look like? How is it different from other flowers?_______

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2. What do roses typically symbolize in literature? ________________________________

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3. What distinctive feature do President Snow’s roses have that set them apart from normal roses?

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4. What does President Snow’s rose symbolize to Katniss? _____________________________

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5. Do you think the author is using foreshadowing with the rose? Why or why not? __________

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Chapter 1 - Figurative Language Practice

Author Suzanne Collins continues to fill the pages of *Mockingjay* with rich details and imagery, using metaphors, similes, hyperboles, and personification. Review the definitions below, and answer questions about each example.

**simile:** A comparison of two things (that may or not be alike) using the words like or as. *She is as quick as a fox.*

**metaphor:** A comparison of two unlike things without using like or as. *The sun was a furnace.*

**personification:** A type of metaphor in which non-human things or ideas possess human qualities or actions. *The wind whistled throughout the night.*

**hyperbole:** An obvious and deliberate exaggeration (to emphasize something or for humorous purposes). *I ate a million pieces of cake today.*

1. The first example appears on page 3:
   
   *The bricks of the chimney, which collapsed in a charred heap, provide a point of reference for the rest of the house. How else could I orient myself in this sea of gray?*
   
   a. Which type of figurative language is “sea of gray”? ___________________________

   b. What is being compared to a “sea of gray”? _________________________________

2. Page 5:
   
   *The summer’s been scorching hot and dry as a bone.*

   a. Which type of figurative language is “dry as a bone”? _________________________

   b. What are the two things being compared? _________________________________

3. Page 6:
   
   *The fires at the coal mines belch black smoke in the distance.*

   a. Which type of figurative language is “belch black smoke”? _______________________

   b. What is doing the belching? _________________________________________

4. Page 7:
   
   *He took them to the only place he could think of, the lake my father had shown me as a child. And it was from there they watched the distant flames eat up everything they knew in the world.*

   a. Which type of figurative language is “everything they knew in the world”? ______________

   b. Find the example of personification in this selection and write it here: __________________

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   Continued
Ashes billow up around me, and I pull the hem of my shirt up over my mouth. It’s not wondering what I breathe in, but who, that threatens to choke me.

a. Collins uses personification in this passage for effect. What is threatening to “choke” Katniss?

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b. Why is personification more effective for this passage than perhaps using a simile or hyperbole?

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c. What effect does it have on you as a reader? _________________________

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Further Practice

6. As you read the next chapter, find an example of each type of figurative language. Record them below or on a separate sheet of paper.

a. simile: ___________________________ Page # __________

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b. metaphor: ___________________________ Page # __________

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c. personification: ___________________________ Page # __________

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b. hyperbole: ___________________________ Page # __________

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Chapter 1 Check Questions

1. Setting: The novel opens up in which district? ________________________________________

2. Who gets the credit for saving hundreds of lives from the Capitol’s bombs? _________________

3. Where did they seek shelter until they were rescued by hovercraft? ________________________

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4. Who is Alma Coin? ___________________________________________________________________

5. What does Coin want Katniss to do (or what does she want her to be)? ____________________

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6. Katniss takes back a few remembrances; six, to be exact. Name three of them: ______________

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7. What causes the stench that Katniss smells in her old bedroom? __________________________

8. Who left it for her? __________________________________________________________________

9. The message that person was sending seemed was “a promise of ________________________.”

10. To Katniss, it seemed as if it was speaking to her, saying, *I can find you. I can reach you.*

    *Perhaps I am _________________________________ you now.*
Chapter 1 Check Quiz (alternate quiz)

1. What was left for Katniss in her old bedroom? ________________________________

2. Who left it? ________________________________

3. What does the item seem to represent or what message is it sending? ________________________________
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Chapter 2 Questions (pages 16-31)

1. **MATH CONNECTION:** If a person were walking at the average speed of 2.5 mph from District 12 to District 13 and it takes a week to get there, how fast is the hovercraft traveling from District 12 to 13, which makes it there in 45 minutes?

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2. What does Katniss assume has happened to Bonnie and Twill? Why? ______________________

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3. What was District 13’s industry? _____________________________________________

4. What “bargain” did District 13 make with the Capitol? ______________________________

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5. Do you think the citizens of District 13 should have helped the other districts’ citizens during the first rebellion & Dark Days? Why or why not?

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6. What is “imprinting”? ________________________________________________________

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7. Write three adjectives to describe the people of District 13. ______________________________

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8. What is propaganda and what is its purpose? ________________________________

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9. Who is Caesar Flickerman interviewing on the Capitol broadcast? ____________________

**Continued**
Chapter 2 questions, continued

10. On page 23, Peeta describes the Hunger Games arena to Caesar, saying, “...It costs a lot more than your life. To murder innocent people?...It costs everything you are.” What does he mean by that statement?

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11. Where has Haymitch been the past month?

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12. What was Peeta’s final message about the war?

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13. How do the District 13 rebels react to Peeta’s message?

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14. Who is Boggs?

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15. What is Gale’s opinion of District 13’s attitude toward Peeta and their stance on ignoring (or not helping) the other districts for so many years?

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16. According to Gale, what is Peeta still trying to do?

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17. What does Katniss decide to do by the end of the chapter?

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18. Why does she decide to do this?

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Chapter 2 Check Questions

1. Who does Katniss see on the Capitol propaganda TV? _________________________________

2. What is his message? _________________________________

3. How do the District 13 citizens react to the message? _________________________________

4. What is Katniss’s first reaction to the message? _________________________________

5. What does she decide to do for the rebels? _________________________________

6. What does that decision mean or entail--what will she be doing? _________________________________

NAME: _________________________________

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Chapter 3 Questions (pages 32-46)

1. **JOURNAL PROMPT:** Write about a time when someone made you a promise or you promised someone something. Did you stay true to your word? Did they? Why or why not?

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2. Katniss decides to be the Mockingjay, with some demands of her own. Why does she want President Coin to make the promise to her in public?

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3. Describe the food in District 13.

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4. Why might Katniss have a harder time satisfying her hunger than other District 12 citizens?

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5. List Katniss’s six conditions (to being the Mockingjay) that she presents to President Coin in Command:

   a. ______________________________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________

   b. ______________________________________________________________________

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6. What did Cinna leave for Katniss? What was written inside it? ___________________________

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7. What does this imply (or infer) about Cinna’s involvement with the rebellion? ______________

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8. What does Katniss find on her way to her “surprise” with Fulvia and Plutarch? ______________

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9. What does this tell you about President Coin? ________________________________

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Chapter 4 Questions

1. What did Venia, Octavia, and Flavius do to get locked up in room 3809 in District 13?

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2. Who does Katniss take them to for their injuries?

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3. How does Gale feel about Katniss’s prep team?

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4. Which room has Katniss’s family been moved to?

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5. Who had Katniss forgotten on her list for immunity & had to have President Coin add?

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6. What happens if Katniss “steps out of line”?

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1. Katniss recalls all the ways others have used her as a “piece” in their own games. What does she mean by this metaphor?
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2. What is “Beauty Base Zero”?  ________________________________________________________________________________
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3. True or False: Venia is so repulsed by Katniss’s scar, it triggers her gag reflux.
4. Who is Leevy?  ________________________________________________________________________________

5. She was introduced in Catching Fire. What favor did she perform for Katniss a year ago?
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6. Who is Hazelle?  ________________________________________________________________________________

7. Who is Posy?  ________________________________________________________________________________

8. How was Katniss’s prep team treated at dinner and how did these three treat them?  ________________
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9. What is the first beautiful thing Katniss sees in the District 13 compound?  ________________
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10. What has Beetee (and District 13) been studying down there AND why?  ________________
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11. What does Beetee show Katniss and Gale in the Airborne Division of the armory?  ________________
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Chapter 5, continued
12. “But I don’t know what to tell him about the aftermath of killing a person. About how they never leave you.” (page 69) Katniss thinks this as she and Gale look at the weapons. If she believes this, why do you think she wants to kill President Snow? In your opinion, how do you think Katniss really feels about it all?

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13. DRAW a depiction of Katniss’s bow and arrows that Beetee designed and made for her:

![Drawing of Katniss's bow and arrows]

14. What is the line that the people in Command have created as Katniss’s new slogan? _______

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15. Who arrives just in time to criticize Katniss? ________________________________
Chapter 6 Questions

1. Who does Katniss give credit to for helping her “pull off” on-camera performances in the past?

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2. Write the names of all the people who gather around the table in Command to discuss Katniss’s propos (there are 15 that are named specifically):

1. ______________ 2. _______________ 3. _______________ 4. _______________
   5. ______________ 6. _______________ 7. _______________ 8. _______________
   9. ______________ 10. _______________ 11. _______________ 12. _______________
   13. ______________ 14. _______________ 15. _______________

3. They reach the conclusion that Katniss performs best when ...

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4. Where is Katniss sent for the next propos? _____________________________

5. Katniss sees Boggs differently after the meeting in Command and the exchange with Finnick. What has she decided regarding how she feels about him? Why do you think she changed her mind?

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6. What new information do we learn about District 2 regarding:

   Food & living conditions: __________________________________________________

   Industry (2 things): ______________________________________________________

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7. What restrictions are placed on Peacekeepers?

   a. _______________________________________________________________________

   b. _______________________________________________________________________

   c. _______________________________________________________________________

8. What form of government will be in place if the districts defeat the Capitol & District 2? __________

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9. Describe this form of government: _____________________________________________

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10. What are they to do if they lose? _____________________________________________

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11. LOOK on the internet for example countries with the type of government you listed in #8 & #9. List three below, then comment on how successful you think each country is. Are they true republics?

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Chapter 7 Questions

1. Which district do Katniss, her “bodyguard” team, and the camera crew fly into? __________

2. Who is the Commander of this district? __________________________

3. Why is Katniss uncomfortable (and queasy)--regarding the location--when they first start filming her in that district?

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Choose the best word for the blank.

_____ 4. Katniss finally realizes she has “a kind of ____________________” she never knew she possessed, which gives her an inner strength.

   a. ammunition  b. power  c. sickness  d. injury

_____ 5. ___________ and Katniss defy orders and climb up into a machine-gun nest to take on the Capitol bombers.


_____ 6. The Capitol blew up the hospital because ________________________.

   a. the injured people were expendable to them.
   b. they thought it actually contained weapons inside.
   c. it was the headquarters for the rebellion resistance.
   d. President Snow was sending a message to Peeta that they can’t have a cease-fire.

Fill in the Blanks

7. Finish Katniss’s new slogan:

   Fire is catching! And if we ________________________,

   you ____________________ ________________________

   ________________________!
Chapter 8 Questions
1. What are the names of the two “insects” (camera operators) who work with Cressida and Messalla?

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2. What does Katniss realize about one of the “insects”? ________________________________
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3. Why is the propo (and the airing of it) such a big deal to Katniss and the district citizens?
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4. Why do you think Haymitch, Plutarch, and Boggs do not tell President Coin about Katniss’s insubordination while filming the propo?
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5. The first propo they aired had the theme “IF WE BURN, YOU BURN WITH US.”
   a. The second propo will have the theme: _________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
   b. The third propo theme, called the Mockingjay piece, is: _________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
   c. The next series of propos will be called: _________________________________
in which each one would feature a ___________________ ______________________.

6. What does Haymitch come up with to ensure Katniss will not rip her earpiece out? _________
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7. What do Katniss & Finnick see on the TV after the second propo airs? _________________
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Chapter 8, continued

8. What is that person’s message & what effect does he/she have on Katniss? ________________________
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9. In your opinion, why does Finnick tell Katniss to pretend they didn’t see it? ________________
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UPDATE YOUR CHARACTER CHART TO INCLUDE INFO. ABOUT NEW CHARACTERS!

For the characters listed below, read and follow the directions.

1. Put an X before each character that is from DISTRICT 13.

2. Circle each character’s name who is from the CAPITOL (but joined the District 13 rebels).

3. For any other district citizens (from districts 1-12), write the number of their district after their name.

   President Coin     Commander Paylor
   Boggs             Messalla
   Fulvia Cardew     Pollux
   Dalton            Castor
   Cressida
Chapter 9 Questions

1. Why do you think Plutarch, Haymitch, and even Gale have not said anything to Katniss about Peeta's latest Capitol propo/interview with Caesar? ________________________________________________________________

2. What is Katniss's “real source” of distress? (p. 116) ________________________________________________________________

3. According to Gale, why did everyone keep Peeta’s latest propo from Katniss? ________________

4. Katniss realizes that their lies are mostly for whose benefit? __________________________

5. Katniss and Gale go to district ________ for the next rebel propo shoot so they can talk about and show the other district citizens ________________________________________________

6. Why doesn’t Haymitch go with? ________________________________________________

7. Pollux is able to have a “conversation” with a ____________________________________________.

8. Katniss first sings ___________________________ for Pollux, then switches to a real song because __________________________________________________________

9. Katniss sings ___________________________, a song which she has not sung out loud for 10 years because it’s ___________________________.

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10. Read “The Hanging Tree” by Marty Robbins and compare it to Katniss’s “Hanging Tree” song. Both speakers are asking their love to come with them to the hanging trees. What does that mean?

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11. How do the speakers feel about the quality of life they are living right now? ________________

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12. Why do you think Katniss chose this song to sing? ________________________________

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13. What is Pollux’s reaction to her singing? ________________________________

14. Why do you think he reacts this way? ________________________________

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15. What was “the doorway to both sustenance and sanity”? ________________________________

16. What does Katniss mean when she says she and Gale were “each other’s key” to the doorway?

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17. What is Katniss’s message to Peeta standing outside the bakery? ________________________________

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18. Plutarch talks of weapons of war that no longer exist. Name three: ________________________________

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19. Why do these no longer exist? ________________________________

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20. What is your impression of Plutarch based on these observations? ________________________________

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21. Describe Peeta’s condition and his message for Katniss: ________________________________

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The Hanging Tree handout

COMPARE “The Hanging Tree” from Mockingjay with the 1959 ballad by Marty Robbins:

“The Hanging Tree”
sung by Katniss Everdeen

Are you, are you
Coming to the tree
Where they strung up a man they say murdered three.
Strange things did happen here
No stranger would it be
If we met up at midnight in the hanging tree.

Are you, are you
Coming to the tree
Where the dead man called out for his love to flee.
Strange things did happen here
No stranger would it be
If we met up at midnight in the hanging tree.

Are you, are you
Coming to the tree
Where I told you to run so we’d both be free.
Strange things did happen here
No stranger would it be
If we met up at midnight in the hanging tree.

Are you, are you
Coming to the tree
Wear a necklace of rope, side by side with me.
Strange things did happen here
No stranger would it be
If we met up at midnight in the hanging tree.

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“The Hanging Tree”
by Marty Robbins

I came to town to search for gold
And I brought with me a memory
And I seem to hear the night wind cry,
"Go hang your dreams on the hangin’ tree
Your dreams of love that could never be
Hang your faded dreams on the hangin’ tree!"

I searched for gold and I found my gold
And I found a girl who loved just me
And I wished that I could love her too
But I’d left my heart on the hangin’ tree
I’d left my heart with a memory
And a faded dream on the hangin’ tree.

Now there were men who craved my gold
And meant to take my gold from me
When a man is gone he needs no gold
So they carried me to the hangin’ tree
To join my dreams and a memory
Yes they carried me to the hangin’ tree.

To really live you must almost die
And it happened just that way with me
They took the gold and set me free
And I walked away from the hangin’ tree
I walked away from the hangin’ tree
And my own true love, she walked with me!

That’s when I knew that the hangin’ tree
Was a tree of life, new life for me
A tree of hope, new hope for me
A tree of love, new love for me
The hangin’ tree, the hangin’ tree, the hangin’ tree!

From the 1959 Gary Cooper movie

Strange things did happen here
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Mockingjay

Part II: The Assault
Chapters 10-18
Handouts/Worksheets
Answers begin on page 75
Part II Questions: Chapter 10

1. Why does President Coin think it is inconceivable that the Capitol would bomb district 13? Give at least three reasons she feels it would be “counterproductive” (p. 138):

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2. How do the district 13 citizens conduct themselves during the “eardrum-piercing, fear-inducing” lockdown?

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3. On page 140, Plutarch’s happiness about the successful Airtime Assault is evident, despite the circumstances. Katniss thinks Eyes on the forest, not on the tress. What does this expression mean? Who or what is she referring to when she thinks this?

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4. How does Plutarch want Katniss to conduct herself in the bunker? Why?

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5. Why is Prim late to arrive in the bunker?

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6. What image of Buttercup does Katniss recall in order to “deal with him over the years”?

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7. What does Gale retrieve for Katniss? ______________________________________________
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8. What is the purpose of a bunker missile? ___________________________________________
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9. What does “wherewithal” mean? __________________________________________________
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10. What is Katniss’s concern about Peeta’s “battle in his mind” when he gave the warning of the attack on district 13?
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11. What do you think has caused him the struggle (in his mind) to get the message out?
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12. Katniss realizes she has neglected Prim in the last year and a half. What new information does she learn about her sister?
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13. According to Prim, why won’t President Snow kill Peeta? ___________________________
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14. But what will he do to Peeta, according to Prim? _________________________________
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A bit of TRIVIA: Which is the most common letter used in the alphabet? ______

Why do some think the number 47 is special? _______________________________________

Which compartment is Katniss assigned to in the bunker? _________ Gale? ____________

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Chapter 11 Questions

1. Katniss asks herself what will “break her.” What does it mean to be broken? _______________
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2. What would “break” you? _______________________________________________________
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   ________________________________________________________________________________

3. Describe the “Crazy Cat” game Katniss created: ______________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________________________

4. Crazy Cat becomes a ___________________________ for my situation.

5. I am _______________________________. Peeta is the _________________________________.

6. Explain this connection between the Crazy Cat game & Katniss and Peeta. What is President
   Snow’s role in the game?
   ________________________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________________________

7. Who does Katniss seek out in the middle of the night? _________________________________

8. At what moment did Finnick realize that Katniss truly loved Peeta? ______________________
   ________________________________________________________________________________

9. When Katniss asks Finnick how he bears the fact that his loved one is being tortured, he says, “I
don’t, Katniss!... ...Better not to give in to it. It takes... [finish his quote]
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10. What does he give Katniss to distract herself? _______________________________________

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11. Approximately how many days/nights were they in the bunker? _________________________

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12. What is Katniss’s next assignment when they leave the bunker? _________________________

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13. How long has President Snow had Peeta? __________________________________________

14. What did President Snow leave for Katniss? ________________________________________

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15. Why can’t Katniss be the Mockingjay anymore? ______________________________________

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16. Who does Katniss seek out for comfort? ___________________________________________

17. Why does she seek this person’s comfort? _________________________________________

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18. What is Plutarch’s plan & why didn’t they try it before? ______________________________

______________________________________________________________________________
1. Why is there a lockdown in District 13? 

2. How do the district 13 citizens conduct themselves during the “eardrum-piercing, fear-inducing” lockdown? 

3. According to Prim, why won’t President Snow kill Peeta? 

4. Describe the “Crazy Cat” game Katniss created: 

5. What does Finnick give Katniss to distract herself? 

6. When they go outside after the bombings, they see that President Snow left what for Katniss?
Chapter 12 Questions

1. Why is Finnick happy about the rescue mission no matter which way it turns out? __________
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2. What is Katniss & Finnick's job during the mission AND what purpose will it serve? __________
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3. Katniss finally realizes that the Capitol is fragile because... ______________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

4. What new information do we learn about Finnick in his interview? ________________________
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5. How was Finnick paid? _____________________________________________________________

6. What is President Snow's full name? _________________________________________________

7. How was President Snow able to rise to power AND keep that power for so long? _________
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8. Why does Snow wear roses that reek of perfume? ______________________________________
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9. What do we learn about Haymitch's family? ___________________________________________
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10. After finding out this new information about Haymitch and Finnick, how does Katniss feel
toward them? What has changed? ____________________________________________________

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Chapter 12, continued

11. On page 173, Katniss describes Finnick’s account as “salacious and gory”. What does that mean?  ____________________________________________________________

12. On page 176, why is Katniss jealous?  ____________________________________________________________

13. How is her reunion different than Finnick’s?  ____________________________________________________________

PREDICT...

What do you think has happened to cause this type of “reunion” for Katniss & why?  __________

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What will happen next?  ____________________________________________________________

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Chapter 13 Questions

1. What injuries has Katniss suffered? ________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

2. What is wrong with Peeta? _______________________________________________________

3. Explain what that means and how the Capitol did it: ________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

4. Why does Plutarch’s attempt to cheer Katniss up (p. 182) backfire? ____________________
______________________________________________________________________________

5. The following underlined passage from page 183 is an example of what type of figurative
language?

   He doesn’t speak, just runs his fingers over the bruises on my neck with a touch as light as moth wings,
   plants a kiss between my eyes, and disappears.

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6. What new compartment is Katniss and her family assigned to? _________________________

7. Katniss comments that Prim has inherited the best qualities their family has to offer, but also adds
her own quality. What is it? ______________________________________________________
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8. What have Beetee and Gale been working on in Special Defense? _______________________
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9. How does Katniss feel about their project? __________________________________________

10. Who has been selected to help Peeta recover? _____________________________________

11. What lies have the Capitol told Peeta about Katniss? ________________________________
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12. Where is Katniss headed AND why? ______________________________________________
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13. Why do you think people choose escape as a way to deal with their problems? __________
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**WRITE ABOUT IT:** What would YOU do if you were Katniss? Why?
Chapters 12-13 Check Questions

1. What does Katniss talk about in her “distract President Snow” propo? ______________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________

2. What does Finnick talk about in his propo interview? _________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________

3. Whose is more effective? _______________________________ Why? _______________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________

4. How did the Capitol torture Peeta? ________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________
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5. What effect does this have on Katniss? ____________________________________________
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Chapter 14 Questions
1. What was Prim’s idea to try to help Peeta? ___________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________________________

2. Which memory did they use to try this? _____________________________________________

3. What was Peeta’s reaction? ______________________________________________________

4. Why does Gale feel even more jealous of Peeta now? _________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________________________

5. Who is Lyme? Give a detailed description: __________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________________________
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6. If District 12 had its own Commander, who do you think it would be and why? __________
   ________________________________________________________________________________
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7. What is the “Nut”? ______________________________________________________________

8. Gale compares the Nut to what? __________________________________________________

9. What are the two ways to get the “dogs”?
   1. ___________________________________________________________________________
   2. ___________________________________________________________________________

10. What is Gale’s plan? ___________________________________________________________
   ________________________________________________________________________________
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Example of defense facility inside a mountain.
NORAD - Cheyanne Mountain
Colorado Springs, Colorado
Chapter 15 Questions
1. The majority of the workers in the Nut are _________________________________.

2. What is Boggs’s opinion of/for the plan? ________________________________

________________________________________________________________________

3. The avalanche triggers what memories for Katniss? __________________________

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4. How is Katniss’s father “appearing” to her symbolic? __________________________

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5. Why does Katniss want Peeta to be there? (p. 211) __________________________

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6. Explain how the killing is full circle: ________________________________

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7. What happens to Katniss and why do you think this happens? __________________

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Look it Up...
World War I was called “The War to End All Wars.” Did it end all wars? ______________
Why was it called the war to end them all? ________________
Chapters 14 - 15 Check Questions

1. What is the “Nut”? ____________________________________________________________

2. Why is it called the “Nut”? _____________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________

3. When did Gale realize he was in love with Katniss? _______________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________

4. Who is Lyme? __________________________________________________________________

5. Why have all the previous missions to “take” the Nut failed? ________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________

6. Why do Katniss, Lyme, and Boggs object initially to Gale’s plan to “take” the Nut? ______
   ___________________________________________________________________________

7. Who is Katniss reminded of when she sees the destruction and when Boggs gives her a blanket?
   ___________________________________________________________________________

8. What is Katniss’s response when the man from district 2 asks her to give him one reason he
   shouldn’t shoot her? ___________________________________________________________

9. Whose slave does Katniss say she is? _____________________________________________

10. What happens when she looks to the TV monitor and hopes to see a reconciliation? ______
    ___________________________________________________________________________
Chapter 16 Questions
1. Katniss recalls the word Peeta whispered to her last year. What is it? ____________________

2. What had she asked him beforehand to get that response? _____________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________________

3. Why do you think her memory, which had repressed it, allows her to remember it now? _____
   ______________________________________________________________________________

4. Who is Katniss’s roommate in the hospital? ________________________________

5. What is she stealing from Katniss? _____________________________________________

6. Johanna refers to District 13 as a “rabbit warren.” What is a rabbit warren? _____________
   ______________________________________________________________________________

7. Katniss disagrees with Gale about killing everyone in the mountain, saying:
   *But that kind of thinking...you could turn it into an argument for killing anyone at any time.
   You could justify sending kids into the Hunger Games to prevent the districts from getting out of line.*
   Do you agree or disagree with Katniss? Why? _______________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________________

8. What does *Panem et Circenses* mean? _____________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________________

9. Why are the Capitol citizens probably ready to turn on the Capitol itself? _________________
   ______________________________________________________________________________

10. Who is getting married? _______________________________________________________

11. How did Peeta contribute to the celebration? ________________________________

12. What does Peeta remember that he shares with Katniss? _____________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________________

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Chapter 16, continued...

13. Katniss uses four adjectives to describe herself. Write them below and give an example of how she has displayed each one of these traits throughout the trilogy:

_____________________________: ____________________________________________
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Fill in the blanks for the following summary of Chapter 16:

While Katniss is recovering from her ____________________________ wound, she is able to remember the single word Peeta said to her after she had asked him to stay with her. He said, “________________________.” Instead of feeling sorrow, she feels _______________________.

Katniss’s hospital roommate is ________________________, who has been stealing ____________________________ from Katniss.

Katniss disagrees with _______________________ about blowing up the mountain in district __________. She argues that with his justification of destroying the mountain to prevent future deaths, anyone could turn it into an argument for killing anyone at any time. They could justify sending kids into the ________________________________ to prevent the districts from getting out of line.

The Capitol has only known Panem et ________________________________, which is Latin for _______________________________ and _______________________________. It means in return for food and entertainment, the people will give up their __________________________ responsibilities, and therefore their __________________________.

Plutarch plans a wedding for ________________________________ and ________________________________. A fiddler from district ____________ provides the music for dancing and ______________________________ frosted the cake as part of his therapy.

He requests to see ________________________________ and says to her, “I remember about the __________________________.”

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Chapter 16, continued

On page 232, Katniss uses four adjectives to describe herself. Write them below AND give an example of how she has displayed each one of these traits throughout the trilogy:

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Parachute Project

This assignment is a hands-on project for students and can be done as an individual assignment or a group collaboration, and it can be an in-class activity or given as homework.

Assignment: Students are given a limited amount of resources to build a “silver parachute,” like the ones that deliver the gifts in The Hunger Games and Catching Fire arenas, or the one Katniss keeps in Mockingjay for her pearl and spile.

Purpose of assignment: Students must think of ways to construct their parachute, which takes critical thinking skills. They need to be creative, because their resources are limited. It also gives the students who are more the “hands-on” type something in which they can be successful.

In-class time to complete: Approximately 10-15 minutes (perhaps longer for younger students, perhaps less time for older or group work)

Materials needed: Your materials can vary, as you can make due with what you have. So these are just suggestions. You may find other materials that could be more useful or more challenging, based on the age level or ability of the students.

- One silver or gray napkin (or a white/any color napkin will do)
- One piece of string 24” in length

Other options: 
- One square of tin foil
- One piece of string (or any sort of thread, thin fishing line, or thin cord)
- One paper sack
- One piece of string (or any sort of thread, thin fishing line, or thin cord)

You can set guidelines, such as it must float or drift and land softly when dropped, rather than fall hard to the ground. Also, I only gave my high-school students 10 minutes to construct it. You can set a time limit you think is appropriate for your students.

Presentations: Allow students to present their parachutes to the class; they should explain how they constructed it and why they decided to go with that design. If you have a balcony or mezzanine in the gymnasium, or even taller playground equipment, test the parachutes to see if they fall softly to the ground, fall apart, or drop down hard. This can be done by standing on top of a desk, too, but I am not going to recommend it because of safety concerns, of course. Test at your own risk! :)

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Chapter 17 Check Questions

1. At the beginning of the chapter, why does Gale get picked to go to the Capitol to fight and not Katniss?

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2. What does Katniss decide to do so she is allowed to go? ________________________________

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3. Who does this with her? ________________________________________________________

4. Who shows up at dinner to sit next to Johanna?______________________________________

5. What new information do we learn about Johanna & Peeta’s imprisonment in the Capitol?

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CHAPTER 18: THE STAR SQUAD 451

1. Who is the Commander of squad four-five-one? ______________________________________

2. What special skills do these soldiers have that set them apart from the rest?
______________________________________________________________________________

3. What does Katniss give to Johanna? Why does she give her this? _________________________
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4. Write the names of the members of the “Star Squad”:
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

5. What is their “special mission”? ___________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
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6. Why isn’t Boggs concerned about the Capitol’s hovercrafts attacking them when they are in their tents in the encampment outside of the Capitol?
______________________________________________________________________________
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7. What is a “Holo”? _____________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
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8. ___________________________ joins the Star Squad after ________________________ dies.

9. Who assigned this person & why did she have this person join, according to Katniss? ________
Part III: The Assassin
Chapters 19-27 & Epilogue
Handouts/Worksheets
Answers begin on page 85
Chapter 19 Check Questions
1. To help Peeta with his recovery, Jackson devises the game called what? _____________________
______________________________________________________________________________

2. Who was Lavinia? ______________________________________________________________

3. How did Darius die? _____________________________________________________________
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______________________________________________________________________________

4. Why is everyone laughing at Mitchell? _____________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

5. What happens to Boggs? ________________________________________________________
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2. Who was Lavinia? ______________________________________________________________

3. How did Darius die? _____________________________________________________________
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4. Why is everyone laughing at Mitchell? _____________________________________________
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5. What happens to Boggs? ________________________________________________________
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Chapter 20 Check Questions

1. How does Katniss know there’s no hope to save Boggs? ________________________________
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2. Why do you think Boggs transfers the power over to Katniss rather than to Jackson? ______
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3. What are Boggs’s final orders for Katniss? ___________________________________________
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4. Which Star Squad members lose their lives in this chapter and how? List below:
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Chapter 21 Questions

Reminders of the Games...
1. On the bottom of page 291, Katniss says she feels the arena all around her, battling for both her own survival and Peeta’s. Why does she think President Snow would be satisfied if she killed Peeta?
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

2. What kind of canned food does Peeta hand Katniss? ________________________________

3. What does the canned food symbolize? ____________________________________________

4. On page 293, what else reminds Katniss of the Games and the tributes? _______________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

5. List the Star Squad members who have died: _______________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

6. What is a eulogy? ______________________________________________________________________________________
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______________________________________________________________________________

7. Who broadcasts Katniss’s eulogy to all of Panem? ________________________________________

8. Being underground reminds Katniss of what? (List three things.)
   a. ________________________________________
   b. ________________________________________
   c. ________________________________________

9. Explain why those things may have negative memories for her.
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Chapter 21 Continued...

10. On page 299, we are reminded of why Peeta’s presence is an advantage for the squad by the way he treats Pollux. What is Peeta’s reaction, as opposed to the other squad members, when they head into the tunnels?

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11. What did Peeta mean when he said it wasn’t “shiny” (page 302)? _________________________  
______________________________________________________________________________  
______________________________________________________________________________

12. What word is repeated over & over? ______________________________________________

13. Who or what is saying it, do you think? ______________________________________________

Creative Activity

Write a poem and dedicate it to one of the characters.
Chapter 22: President Snow’s Torture Techniques & the Unending Obstacles for the Star Squad

Answer the questions about the forms of torture President Snow personally designed for Katniss, beginning on page 304 with the mutts. Then answer the questions about the seemingly unending obstacles the Star Squad 451 face.

1. Page 304: What are these mutts doing to torment Katniss?

______________________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

2. Pages 306-307: Who do the mutts kill on their way to Katniss?

Why would that be torturous for her?

______________________________________________________________________________

3. Page 307 (bottom): What causes Katniss to gag?

Are the others affected by it? ___________ Where is the smell coming from? _______________

______________________________________________________________________________

4. Page 308 (top): What was inside the first pod Katniss blows up?

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5. Page 308: Describe the unmarked pod that takes Messalla’s life:

______________________________________________________________________________

6. Page 308: Which Star Squad member is the only one able to function after seeing Messalla? Why is this significant?

______________________________________________________________________________

7. Page 309: Who fires at them?

Who is right behind them (your answer above) and what do they do to them?

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8. Page 309 (and page 311 in more detail): Describe the mutts, including their appearance and how they destroy their enemies:

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10. Page 310: What dangerous obstacle is in the main sewer? How do they get around it? ________

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11. Page 311: How are the mutts affected by Katniss’s scent? ______________________________

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12. Pages 312-313: How do they combat the mutts? _____________________________________

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13. Page 314: How is Katniss able to subdue Peeta’s nightmares? ___________________________

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SUPPLEMENTAL HOMEWORK: On a separate sheet of paper OR on your computer, choose one of the scenes from this chapter and draw it out. You may choose to draw one of the pods, the mutts, or any of the characters.
Visual aides from deviantart.com members:

“I can’t go on” by thefbm - deviantart.com

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"Don't let him take you away from me"
Peeta's panting hard as he fights with the nightmares raging in his head.
"No, I don't want to . . ."
I clench his hands to the point of pain.

"Stay with me."
His pupils contract to pinpoints, dilate again rapidly, and then return to something resembling normalcy.

"Always," he murmurs.
Chapters 23-24 and 25-26 Activity
As you read each chapter, summarize the main events and any noteworthy character additions or losses. The final box asks you to relate to anything in the chapter: did it remind you of anything in your life, in the news, or did any of the characters remind you of people you know or people in the news? Take a moment to reflect & try to relate today’s world to Katniss’s. Use additional notebook paper, if necessary.

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| Chapter 26 |
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| -New Information learned about characters or events | |
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Chapters 26-27 Check Quiz - True/False
Circle the T for true, F for false. If it is FALSE, re-write the sentence so it is true.

1. T / F Prim is killed by President Snow’s exploding silver parachutes.

2. T / FKatniss is severely burned from the explosions.

3. T / FCommander Paylor lets Katniss go into President Snow’s rose garden.

4. T / FPresident Snow tells Katniss that Plutarch was behind the exploding parachutes.

5. T / FPresident Coin asks the remaining victors to vote on hosting a new Hunger Games with the Capitol children.

6. T / FKatniss kills President Snow, then shoots President Coin.

7. T / FGale stops Katniss from eating the nightlock pill and killing herself.

8. T / FKatniss tries to kill herself while being held in her old training center room.

9. T / FWhile imprisoned, she begins to sing all the songs her father taught her.

10. T / FKatniss’s punishment is to return to district 13 until they know what to do with her.
11. T / F Delly cooks and cleans for Katniss.

12. T / F Peeta returns and brings her evening primrose bushes to plant in remembrance of Prim.

13. T / F Prim's cat, Buttercup, comes back, looking for Prim.

14. T / F Gale and Thom are in charge of rebuilding district 12, and begin by burying the dead in the Meadow.

15. T / F Katniss copes with her grief by starting a memory scrapbook.

16. T / F In the end, Katniss chooses Peeta because he is the only one who can provide her hope that life can be good again.
Chapters 26-27 Questions

1. How does Prim die? ___________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

2. What type of injury has Katniss survived? _________________________________________

3. How does she describe her skin? _________________________________________________

4. What does President Snow tell Katniss in the rose garden? ___________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

5. Who does Katniss try to talk to after hearing this from President Snow? ________________

6. Why is she unable to talk to this person? ___________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

7. President Coin has the surviving victors vote for what? _____________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

8. How does Katniss vote? ________________________________________________________

9. What happens at President Snow’s execution? ______________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

10. Why did Katniss execute that person? _____________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

11. What is her punishment? _______________________________________________________

12. What is the “unexpected” activity she finds herself doing while waiting? ______________

13. Where is she sent after her trial? ________________________________________________

14. Who comes with her? _________________________________________________________

15. Why isn’t her mother returning with her? _________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________________

16. Who cooks & cleans for her? ___________________________________________________
17. What kind gesture of Peeta’s makes Katniss tremble with weakness and force her to confront her old fears?

______________________________________________________________________________

18. What is Thom’s job? ____________________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________________________

19. Who returns from district 13 looking for Prim? ______________________________________

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20. How does it help Katniss cope with her loss? _______________________________________  

______________________________________________________________________________

21. What kind of book does Katniss begin and Haymitch and Peeta contribute to? _____________

______________________________________________________________________________

22. Why does she choose the person she does in the end? _________________________________  

______________________________________________________________________________

Epilogue

1. Who plays in the Meadow? ______________________________________________________

______________________________________________________________________________

2. How has the meaning of the “meadow” in the song she sung to Rue changed? _____________  

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3. What does Katniss do to cope on bad days? __________________________________________  

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4. Which “games” is she referring to in the last line? _________________________________  

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5. Your opinion: What message is the author trying to convey in this final book of the series? 

______________________________________________________________________________
Epilogue

1. Who plays in the Meadow? ______________________________________________________

Read the words to the “Meadow” song (the one she sang to Rue as Rue died in the 74th Games). Then answer question #2.

Deep in the meadow, under the willow
A bed of grass, a soft green pillow
Lay down your head, and close your sleepy eyes
And when again they open, the sun will rise.

Here’s it’s safe, here it’s warm
Here the daisies guard you from every harm
Here your dreams are sweet and tomorrow brings them true
Here is the place where I love you.

2. How has the meaning of the “meadow” in the song changed? __________________________
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3. What does Katniss do to cope on bad days? __________________________________________
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4. Which “games” is she referring to in the last line? _________________________________

5. Your opinion: What message is the author trying to convey in this final book of the series?
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6. Did you like the series? (Check One)
☐ YES! I loved them!
☐ They were pretty good.
☐ They were OK for school reading, but I wouldn’t read on my own.
☐ No. I didn’t care for any of the books.
☐ Yuck! I hated them.

7. Which of the three did you enjoy the most (or hate the least)? (Check One)
☐ The Hunger Games ☐ Catching Fire ☐ Mockingjay ☐ I loved them all equally!
Conflicts in Mockingjay

Conflicts are the opposing forces that the protagonist (the main character in the story) struggles with. The antagonist (which could be a character or an internal or external force) is the source of contrast and/or the conflict. A story must have a conflict to add interest to the plot. The more complicated the novel, the more conflicts it may include.

Types of Conflict:

Internal: Character’s struggle within herself/himself. The conflict can only be resolved by her/his actions or decisions.

External: Conflict involves outside forces such as other characters, nature, community, or fate--things that cannot be controlled by the protagonist.

Kinds of Conflicts:

Character vs. Herself/Himself (internal)
Character vs. Character (external)
Character vs. Circumstances/Fate (external)
Character vs. Society (external)

Write in details of the conflict for each of the following:

1. Katniss vs. Herself: ____________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________

2. Katniss vs. ______________________ (another character): __________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________

3. Katniss vs. Circumstances/Fate: ________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________

4. Katniss vs. Society: __________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________

5. Which of these do you think is the central (dominant) conflict of the novel? Why? ________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________________________________
Themes in Mockingjay
The theme of the novel is its main idea or message that is incorporated into the story and repeated throughout. Novels can have many different themes, but usually there is one central message, which is usually connected to the central conflict. It will present itself slowly through a character's actions or decisions, and through specific events in the plot.

Write details how each theme is presented to the reader. Give specifics, such as certain events or character actions that reinforce this theme.

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SYMBOLS & WHAT THEY REPRESENT

Nightlock pills: ____________________________

Propos: ____________________________

Hanging Tree song: ____________________________

Meadow: ____________________________

Buttercup/Crazy Cat: ____________________________

Silver Parachute: ____________________________

Dandelion: ____________________________

Mockingjay: ____________________________

Real/Not Real: ____________________________

President Coin: ____________________________

Knot Tying: ____________________________

Beetee’s Meadow & Hummingbirds: ____________________________

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ANSWERS
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Part I Answers

CHAPTER ONE Answers to questions (pages 3-15)
1. What is the setting in the opening scene of the novel? District 12 ruins
2. How much time has passed since the end of Catching Fire (when we left off with Katniss en route to District 13)? one month
3. Which part of District 12 “escaped incineration”? Victor’s Village
4. What is the technique Katniss uses to un-jumble her thoughts, or make things clear in her mind? Start with the simplest things she knows are true and work toward the more complicated.
5. Why are thoughts jumbled for her (what causes her confusion)? She has a concussion and she is on drugs to control her pain and moods.
6. Who does Katniss blame for District 12 being destroyed? Herself
7. How was Gale able to save some of the District 12 residents? He tore down the fence near the Meadow and led them to Katniss’s pond/lake area to escape the bombings.
8. What “motive” did District 13 have for taking in all the refugees, according to Dalton? Because many people in their district died from a pox epidemic, they needed/wanted to build their population; bringing in outsiders guaranteed more genetic diversity, which ensures a healthier/stronger population.

*DISCUSS GENETIC DIVERSITY
Explanation from site: http://www.nbii.gov/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=405&PageID=0&cached=true&mode=2&userID=2
Genetic diversity refers to the variation at the level of individual genes (polymorphism), and provides a mechanism for populations to adapt to their ever-changing environment. The more variation, the better the chance that at least some of the individuals will have an allelic variant that is suited for the new environment, and will produce offspring with the variant that will in turn reproduce and continue the population into subsequent generations.

To paraphrase, the more varied or diverse our genes, the better chance we have as humans to adapt to our environment and survive.

By taking in the “outsiders” from other districts, 13 is diversifying its population, which will make it stronger in the long run. Katniss and Prim are good examples of more diverse genes: her mother is blonde, blue-eyed; her father was darker skinned, dark hair, gray eyes. Katniss is physically strong and Prim is emotionally strong. Neither seem to be sick very often, indicating they have abilities to fight off viruses or other diseases.

This discussion may lead to the topic of racism, and how limiting friendships and relations with members of your “own” kind can not only be socially limiting, but genetically detrimental to the human race.

Students can research what happens to a race/group of people when they refuse to allow “outsiders” in to their community. Often, inbreeding occurs, weakening the population of the group. Famous examples include royalty of the ancient Egyptians (specifically the Ptolemaic dynasty) and European royalty (such as King Charles II of Spain).

The Fates of the Characters - Describe what happened to each of these characters:
9. Peeta’s parents and two brothers: Killed by the Capitol’s bombing of District 12.
10. Madge & her family: *Whereabouts/survival unknown (they did not make it to District 13 with the other District 12 survivors).*


12. Finnick Odair: *Is being “transformed” into a rebel leader, but he is not only suffering from the aftermath of the electrical shock in the arena, but from depression being separated from Annie Cresta, his only love.*

13. Cinna: *According to Plutarch, he was killed during interrogations (after he was already beaten to near death before the 75th Games).*

14. Gale's family: *Assumed he saved (but does not specifically mention it in chapter 1).*

**New Characters -** Briefly describe each new character by who they are, what they look like, etc.

15. Dalton: *A District 10 refugee who had made it on foot to 13 a few years ago. He tells Katniss that they are needed for a new “breeding stock.”*

16. Fulvia Cardew: *Plutarch's “calculating assistant.”*

17. Alma Coin: *The President of district 13. A 50ish woman with longer, uniform, perfect gray hair and pale gray eyes.*

18. Who does Katniss find in District 12 and bring back to District 13? *Buttercup, Prim’s cat.*

**Chapter 1 - ROSE SYMBOLISM**

Besides representing beauty, love, passion, desire, the rose (with its thorns) can also symbolize the flip side (which we see with President Snow). Later in the novel students will learn why he favors roses and their purpose, but for right now, see if students can find meanings other than the traditional love & beauty. Maybe if they search with thorns, as well. I found this interesting site:

**Rose symbolism on In Tarot cards**


In the **Fool card** of the Tarot, the white Rose in the Fool's *left* hand is a symbolic urging for purity and order. The left hand is symbolic of the conscious mind - the facet of our understanding that seeks order - sometimes even control. The Rose symbolism in the Fool's left hand says: *"Get a grip on your thoughts - don't let them grip you."* The white of the rose encourages purity and asks us to cleanse our mind for optimal results on our path.

Roses are often associated with magic, and so seeing its bright blossoms in the **Magician card** is fitting. Ancient orders, occult groups, theosophical branches of all kinds hailed the rose as a secret symbol of unfolding wisdom. With delicate prompting, the rose unwraps its luscious layers to reveal the heart-center of profound beauty. It's the same with the human soul. Spiritual groups of all ages recognized this. In fact, the Rose is often considered the "lotus of the west" because it reminds the observer of the **sweet smell of illumination**. Indeed, in alchemy, the rose is symbolic of the spirit that grows within each of us when proper care and attention is applied.

In the **Strength card**, the rose symbolism speaks to me of balance. With all this delight and heady beauty, the Rose also comes **supremely equipped for defense** and protection. We can all understand the parable inherent in the Rose and its thorns. Where there is great loveliness, there also resides the potential for great ferocity. In the Strength card, the rose reminds us of the nature of duality, yin-yang, polarity - whatever you want to call it. There are twins to every aspect in life - the rose is a symbol of that universal rule.

Traditional imagery in the **Death card** indicates a white rose which hearkens back to themes of purity, clarity and transparency of intent. Jumbled up with the other symbolic edicts of the Death card, we can also interpret the presence of the rose as a conveyance of impermanence. "Nothing lasts forever" says the old adage. Rather than take that fatalistic stance, I like to consider things in cycles - to everything there is a season, and the rose in the Death card features the **idea of transition** - moving from one phase of life to another. Death is just a doorway, and the white rose prompts clear understanding about that entrance into new perception/existence.
Chapter One - Figurative Language Practice ANSWER KEY

Author Suzanne Collins continues to fill the pages of *Mockingjay* with rich details and imagery, using metaphors, similes, hyperboles, and personification. Review the definitions below, and answer questions about each example.

**simile**: A comparison of two things (that may or not be alike) using the words like or as. *She is as quick as a fox.*

**metaphor**: A comparison of two unlike things without using like or as. *The sun was a furnace.*

**personification**: A type of metaphor in which non-human things or ideas possess human qualities or actions. *The wind whistled throughout the night.*

**hyperbole**: An obvious and deliberate exaggeration (to emphasize something or for humorous purposes). *I ate a million pieces of cake today.*

1. The first example appears on page 3:

   *The bricks of the chimney, which collapsed in a charred heap, provide a point of reference for the rest of the house. How else could I orient myself in this sea of gray?*

   a. Which type of figurative language is “sea of gray”? **METAPHOR**

   b. What is being compared to a “sea of gray”? **The burned rubble of the house/ Seam (or even the district 12 ruins, in general)**

2. Page 5:

   *The summer’s been scorching hot and dry as a bone.*

   a. Which type of figurative language is “dry as a bone”? **SIMILE**

   b. What are the two things being compared? **The summer is like a dry bone.** (Summer & bone)

3. Page 6:

   *The fires at the coal mines belch black smoke in the distance.*

   a. Which type of figurative language is “belch black smoke”? **PERSONIFICATION**

   b. What is doing the belching? **The fires are belching black smoke.** (Fires)

4. Page 7:

   *He took them to the only place he could think of, the lake my father had shown me as a child. And it was from there they watched the distant flames eat up everything they knew in the world.*

   a. Which type of figurative language is “everything they knew in the world”? **HYPERBOLE**

   b. Find the example of personification in this selection and write it here: “the distant flames eat up everything...” - flames eating up all they know.

5. Page 9:

   *Ashes billow up around me, and I pull the hem of my shirt up over my mouth. It’s not wondering what I breathe in, but who, that threatens to choke me.*

   a. Collins uses personification in this passage for effect. What is threatening to “choke” Katniss? **The thought or idea that she may be breathing in someone’s remains (the billowing ashes) is what is threatening to “choke” her. (And someone being a friend--like Madge--or just someone she knows/knew makes it even worse.)**

   b. Why is personification more effective for this passage than perhaps using a simile or hyperbole? **Giving the ashes a human quality--coming up around her and choking her--allows the reader to picture it in their minds. You can almost see these ashes forming a ghostly figure up around her, upset that they’ve been killed, and now disturbed--and she feels responsible for their deaths. What effect does it have on you as a reader? It's haunting, disturbing, sickening--which is most likely the effect Collins was after.**

For #6. Answers will vary.
MOCKINGJAY NOVEL UNIT

Chapter 1 Check Questions
1. Setting: The novel opens up in which district? District 12
2. Who gets the credit for saving hundreds of lives from the Capitol’s bombs? Gale Hawthorne
3. Where did they seek shelter until they were rescued by hovercraft? Katniss’s father’s lake/pond and cabin in the woods. (Only about 800 citizens survived--of 8,000.)
5. What does Coin want Katniss to do (or what does she want her to be)? She wants Katniss (and Finnick) to be the face of the revolution--the spark for the rebellion, the symbol of hope to ignite the rebels against the Capitol: they all want her to be the Mockingjay. (pages 10-13)
6. Katniss takes back a few remembrances; six, to be exact. Name three of them: The six items are 1. a blue hair ribbon for Prim, 2. a photo of her parent’s wedding day, 3. the plant book of medicinal and edible plants, 4. her game bag, 5. her father’s hunting jacket, and 6. Prim’s cat Buttercup.
7. What causes the stench that Katniss smells in her old bedroom? A white rose, positioned on her dresser.
8. Who left it for her? President Snow
9. The message that person was sending seemed was “a promise of revenge.”
10. To Katniss, it seemed as if it was speaking to her, saying, I can find you. I can reach you. Perhaps I am watching you now.

Chapter 1 Check Quiz (alternate quiz)
1. What was left for Katniss in her old bedroom? A white rose
2. Who left it? President Snow
3. What does the item seem to represent or what message is it sending? That he is watching her and he will seek revenge.

Chapter 2 Questions (pages 16-31)
1. MATH CONNECTION: At 2.5 miles per hour (which is average for a person on foot) it takes someone 168 hours to get to District 13 (from District 12) because there are 168 hours in a week. Multiply 168 hours by 2.5 to get the distance of 420 miles between the two locations. Then, divide 420 miles by .75 (which would be ¼ of an hour, or 45 minutes) to get the answer of 560 mph for the speed of the hovercraft.
2. They are dead--dies in the woods on their way to 13.
3. Nuclear weapons development.
4. What “bargain” did District 13 make with the Capitol? They would pretend not to exist if the Capitol left them alone. They basically threatened to nuke the Capitol if they tried to launch weapons against them.
5. Do you think the citizens of district 13 should have helped the other districts’ citizens during the first rebellion & Dark Days? Why or why not? Answers will vary.
6. What is “imprinting”? Imprint means to stamp or mark on a surface or body. In district 13, each citizen has their daily schedule tattooed (or imprinted) on their arm. They are expected to follow the schedule each day, then it is washed off during their nightly bath.
7. Write three adjectives to describe the people of district 13. Answers will vary. Suggested/ sample responses may be: rigid, strict, confining, organized, frugal, resourceful, militaristic, precise, meticulous, authoritarian, tough, harsh, claustrophobic, stringent, cheap (as in stingy), “green”, paltry, plain, boring, etc.
8. What is propaganda and what is its purpose? Propaganda is (usually) biased or misleading information and its purpose is to promote or publicize a particular political cause or point of view. The Capitol is using the television to show propaganda pieces meant to persuade the
rebels to stop fighting. They have used propaganda since the Dark Days: the Hunger Games themselves were propaganda pieces meant to promote the Capitol’s control over the citizens.

DISCUSSION: Propaganda in our past examples include election year advertisements, WWII propaganda posters/ads (find examples to show or assign students to find a piece of propaganda to share with class).

-Ask students how it differs from plain advertising. (Answers may include that people may not recognize it as an “ad” because it is issued by the government and portrayed to be real or not misleading. It could also be played up by the media. Good example in recent years is the Jessica Lynch story.)

9. Who is Caesar Flickerman interviewing on the Capitol broadcast? Peeta
10. On page 23, Peeta describes the Hunger Games arena to Caesar, saying, “...It costs a lot more than your life. To murder innocent people?...It costs everything you are.”

What does he mean by that statement? You lose yourself when you have been forced to take another person’s life because you will never be the same after that. You’ll have to live with that guilt and endure the nightmares for the rest of your life.

11. Where has Haymitch been the past month? Because district 13 forbids alcohol, he’s been forced into sobriety in seclusion until he’s dried out (and more fit for public display).
12. What was Peeta’s final message about the war? He calls for a cease-fire: Stop the fighting--everyone lay down your arms otherwise it will all be over soon (implying that either the Capitol will destroy us all, or we will destroy ourselves if the rebels don’t cease-fire).
13. How do the District 13 rebels react to Peeta’s message? They think he’s a traitor.
14. Who is Boggs? Coin’s right-hand man or lackey (a lackey is a derogatory term for “manservant”).
15. What is Gale’s opinion of District 13’s attitude toward Peeta and their stance on ignoring (or not helping) the other districts for so many years? They would have done the same thing as 13 if they could have--if it meant being able to live on their own. But he sees that Peeta was probably put up to calling the cease-fire by President Snow.
17. What does Katniss decide to do by the end of the chapter? Become the Mockingjay—the symbol of the rebellion—to give hope to the rebels.
18. Why does she decide to do this? For retribution for the Capitol blowing up district 12, for Rue, Gale’s whipping, for all the tributes over the years—for all the suffering the district citizens have had to endure.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: Contrast Peeta’s message/opinion with Katniss’s decision to be the Mockingjay. How do the two differ? (Katniss is going to use her anger as retaliation, to make the Capitol suffer like they have suffered; whereas Peeta sees that there is no point in the war—nobody wins.)

Chapter 2 Check Questions
1. Who does Katniss see on the Capitol propaganda TV? Peeta
2. What is his message? Peeta calls for a cease-fire on both sides.
3. How do the District 13 citizens react to the message? The people of 13 consider him a traitor for not backing up the rebels and their cause. They believe he is speaking on behalf of President Snow. [In reality, President Snow probably is making him try to convince the people to stop, but Peeta’s presence is more for Katniss’s torture than anything else. And it is in Peeta’s character to not want any more deaths, to truly believe they all should stop fighting.]
4. What is Katniss’s first reaction to the message? Katniss is relieved that Peeta is alive. [They may also have her physical reaction--that she runs out of the room and to the supply closet.]

5. What does she decide to do for the rebels? She decides she will be the Mockingjay (the symbol of the rebellion).

6. What does that decision mean or entail--what will she be doing? She will be the “image” (or propaganda piece) to incite the districts to fight the Capitol.

Chapter 3 Questions

1. **JOURNAL PROMPT:** Write about a time when someone made you a promise or you promised someone something. Did you stay true to your word? Did they? Why or why not?
   *Responses will vary.*

2. Katniss decides to be the Mockingjay, with some demands of her own. Why does she want President Coin to make the promise to her in public? So others can hear it, be witnesses, which would make President Coin more likely to follow-through with her promise. (Harder to go back on your word when there are witnesses.) - page 34

3. Describe the food in District 13. Bland, healthy, balanced specifically for each person, all home-grown in their underground gardens. Little meat, mostly vegetables and grain. -pages 35-36

4. Why might Katniss have a harder time satisfying her hunger than other District 12 citizens? She ate well as a victor and also as a hunter. She hasn’t experienced hunger pains since she was 11.

5. List Katniss’s six conditions (to being the Mockingjay) that she presents to President Coin in Command: (page 38)
   a. Her family gets to keep Buttercup, Prim’s cat.
   b. She & Gale can hunt in the woods.
   c. She needs Gale by her side if she is to be the Mockingjay.
   d. Peeta will be pardoned when the war is over & he, Johanna & Enobaria will get immunity.
   e. President Coin must announce the former victors get immunity in public.
   f. Katniss gets to kill President Snow.

6. What did Cinna leave for Katniss? He left Katniss his sketch book of designs with an already-designed Mockingjay outfit. What was written inside it? “I’m still betting on you.”

7. What does this imply (or infer) about Cinna’s involvement with the rebellion? That he’s been involved/known about the rebellion all along & has been a key player.

8. What does Katniss find on her way to her “surprise” with Fulvia and Plutarch? Her prep team in room 3908.

9. What does this tell you about President Coin? She is willing to torture people just like President Snow. It foreshadows that perhaps there is not that big of a difference between the two leaders.

Chapter 4 Check Questions

1. What did Venia, Octavia, and Flavius do to get locked up in room 3809 in District 13? They stole bread from the cafeteria.

2. Who does Katniss take them to for their injuries? Her mother (Mrs. Everdeen)

3. How does Gale feel about Katniss’s prep team? Gale despises them; he doesn’t understand why Katniss defends them.

4. Which room has Katniss’s family been moved to? Compartment E
5. Who had Katniss forgotten on her list for immunity & had to have President Coin add? Annie Cresta, the victor from district 4 who is Finnick’s true love.
6. What happens if Katniss “steps out of line”? Their immunity would be terminated and their fates decided according to district 13 law—meaning they would all be executed (they all die).

Chapter 5 Questions

1. Katniss recalls all the ways others have used her as a “piece” in their own games. What does she mean by this metaphor? That they have all used her for their own gain, rather than look out for her. She has been a pawn played, not in control of her own actions. The people who’ve controlled her include: The Gamemakers, President Snow, and now the rebels (and Coin).
2. What is “Beauty Base Zero”? Stepping out of bed looking natural but flawless.
3. True or False: Venia is so repulsed by Katniss’s scar, it triggers her gag reflux. False: it is Fulvia Cardew who is repulsed.
4. Who is Leevy? Katniss’s neighbor from district 12.
5. She was introduced in Catching Fire. What favor did she perform for Katniss a year ago? She fetched Hazelle for Katniss and watched Gale’s younger siblings after he was whipped by Thread.
6. Who is Hazelle? Gale’s mother.
7. Who is Posy? Gale’s younger sister.
8. How was Katniss’s prep team treated at dinner and how did these three treat them? Everyone stared at them and gave them dirty looks; however, Leevy, Hazelle, and Posy tried to make them feel at home or more comfortable.
9. What is the first beautiful thing Katniss sees in the District 13 compound? The recreated meadow and hummingbirds in Beetee’s lab.
10. What has Beetee (and District 13) been studying down there AND why? The flight pattern of hummingbirds in order to try to replicate it as a weapon of war.
11. What does Beetee show Katniss and Gale in the Airborne Division of the armory? Her specially made bow and arrows.
12. “But I don’t know what to tell him about the aftermath of killing a person. About how they never leave you.” (page 69) Katniss thinks this as she and Gale look at the weapons. If she believes this, why do you think she wants to kill President Snow? In your opinion, how do you think Katniss really feels about it all? Answers will vary.
13. DRAW a depiction of Katniss’s bow and arrows that Beetee designed and made for her: Pictures will vary.
14. What is the line that the people in Command have created as Katniss’s new slogan? “People of Panem, we fight, we dare, we end our hunger for justice!”
15. Who arrives just in time to criticize Katniss? Haymitch

Chapter 6 Questions

1. Who does Katniss give credit to for helping her “pull off” on-camera performances in the past? Peeta
2. Write the names of all the people who gather around the table in Command to discuss Katniss’s propos (there are 15 that are named specifically): President Coin, Katniss, Gale, Beetee, Finnick, Haymitch, Leevy, Dalton, Plutarch, Fulvia, Flavius, Octavia, Venia, Greasy Sae, Boggs
3. They reach the conclusion that Katniss performs best when … no one tells her what to say; when it’s unscripted.
4. Where is Katniss sent for the next propos? District 8
5. Katniss sees Boggs differently after the meeting in Command and the exchange with Finnick. What has she decided regarding how she feels about him? She decides he’s not so bad after all and that she likes him (as a friend). Why do you think she changed her mind? She realized that he has a heart—he’s human, too, and has a family he loves. He has shown concern for her safety and compassion when he talks of her moment with Rue. Then he shows humor with Finnick’s underwear moment.

6. What new information do we learn about District 2 regarding:
   a. Food & living conditions: They get more food & have better living conditions.
   b. Industry (2 things): Even though it is presented as a stone quarry, it is the Capitol’s new center for defense (manufacturing weapons) and it trains and supplies Peacekeepers.

7. What restrictions are placed on Peacekeepers?
   a. 20-year commitment
   b. Cannot be married
   c. Cannot have children

*DISCUSSION POINT: Remember in Catching Fire when Katniss could not place what type of accent Romulus Thread had? She knew it wasn’t from the Capitol, but also not district 12. That was foreshadowing that the Capitol had one of the districts as a feeder-program for peacekeepers, which we know now is district 2, which is nearest the Capitol in the Rockies.

8. What form of government will be in place if the districts defeat the Capitol & District 2?
   Republic

9. Describe this form of government: Where the citizens vote for their leaders, or elect their own representatives to be their “voice” in a centralized government.

10. What are they to do if they lose? They are to take the nightlock pill (to kill themselves) so the Capitol can’t capture/torture them and they won’t divulge their secrets.

11. LOOK on the internet for example countries with the type of government you listed in #8 & #9. List three below, then comment on how successful you think each country is. Are they true republics? The USA should be one obvious one for US students, Canada for Canadian students, France for French students, etc. There are many. Here’s a link to a list of the types of governments and all the countries and their type (If this is studied in social studies/history class, this is a good cross-curricular lesson): https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/fields/2128.html

*DISCUSSION POINT: Katniss makes the statement about their ancestors lack of concern for the planet and wars. Is the author making a statement about our current world and implying that we aren’t making decisions based on how it will effect our future generations? If we are, would the world be in its current state? Research different groups that are making a difference by living/consuming/producing based on the effect it will have on future generations. One great history connection is to study Native Americans. They based their actions and decisions on how it would affect nature/life down the road, never making decisions based on the here and now. How would life be different if we thought that way?

Chapter 7 Check Questions
1. Which district do Katniss, her “bodyguard” team, and the camera crew fly into? Eight
2. Who is the Commander of this district? Paylor
3. Why is Katniss uncomfortable (and queasy)–regarding the location–when they first start filming her in that district? It’s at a hospital, surrounded by people who are dying, injured, etc. (out of her element–her instinct is to flee like she does at home when the sick/dying come to seek her mother’s care).
4. Katniss finally realizes she has “a kind of __________________________” she never knew she possessed, which gives her an inner strength.
   a. ammunition  b. power  c. sickness  d. injury

5. __________________________ and Katniss defy orders and climb up into a machine-gun nest to take on the Capitol bombers.

6. The Capitol blew up the hospital because __________________________.
   a. the injured people were expendable to them.
   b. they thought it actually contained weapons inside.
   c. it was the headquarters for the rebellion resistance.
   d. President Snow was sending a message to Peeta that they can’t have a cease-fire.

Fill in the Blanks
7. Finish Katniss’s new slogan:
   Fire is catching! And if we burn, you burn with us!

Chapter 8 Questions
1. What are the names of the two “insects” (camera operators) who work with Cressida and Messalla? Castor & Pollux (page 101)
2. What does Katniss realize about one of the “insects”? He is an avox.
3. Why is the propo (and the airing of it) such a big deal to Katniss and the district citizens? An anti-Capitol message has never been aired before in Panem; the govt. has always had control of the airwaves & decided all the programming.
4. Why do you think Haymitch, Plutarch, and Boggs do not tell President Coin about Katniss’s insubordination while filming the propo? Answers will vary. Perhaps they don’t want to look bad themselves by not being able to control Katniss, or because it turned out for the better, they may figure it’s pointless. Maybe they know they could be disciplined by Coin and fear that retribution.
5. The first propo they aired had the theme “IF WE BURN, YOU BURN WITH US.” (pages 108-109)
   a. The second propo will have the theme: “because you know who they are and what they do.” (page 112 - more details)
   b. The third propo theme, called the Mockingjay piece, is: “Fire is Catching”
   c. The next series of propos will be called: “We Remember” in which each one would feature a dead tribute.
6. What does Haymitch come up with to ensure Katniss will not rip her earpiece out? The head shackles and chip in her head/ear/brain so his voice is always present.
7. What do Katniss & Finnick see on the TV after the second propo airs? Peeta being interviewed by Caesar Flickerman in the Capitol.
8. What is that person’s message & what effect does he/she have on Katniss? Peeta tells Katniss not to be a fool & to think for herself. He says they’re using her and have turned her into a weapon. He asks her if she really trusts them, and if not, find out what’s really going on.
9. In your opinion, why does Finnick tell Katniss to pretend they didn’t see it? Answers may vary, but basically it’s a test to see if they are telling her everything. If they don’t tell her about Peeta’s propo, then they are keeping secrets. If they do, then maybe she can trust them. Finnick realizes Peeta is on to something, and is testing it out.

For the characters listed below, read and follow the directions.
   1. Put an X before each character that is from DISTRICT 13.
   2. Circle each character’s name who is from the CAPITOL (but joined the District 13 rebels).
3. For any other district citizens (from districts 1-12), write the number of their district after their name.

- X President Coin
- X Boggs
- Circle: Fulvia Cardew
- Dalton - 10
- Circle: Cressida

Commander Paylor - 8
Circle: Messalla
Circle: Pollux
Circle: Castor

Chapter 9 Questions

1. Why do you think Plutarch, Haymitch, and even Gale have not said anything to Katniss about Peeta’s latest Capitol propo/interview with Caesar? Answers will vary. May respond with not wanting her to feel bad by seeing him or that it interferes with her performance as Mockingjay. Could be for selfish reasons, or truly don’t want to cause her stress.

2. What is Katniss’s “real source” of distress? (p. 116) Peeta’s condition. She fears what the Capitol is doing to him–what methods of torture they are using. (foreshadowing)

3. According to Gale, why did everyone keep Peeta’s latest propo from Katniss? It would have made her sick (or have been too upsetting).

4. Katniss realizes that their lies are mostly for whose benefit? For their own rather than hers. They want her to perform as Mockingjay for their benefit, so their concern is not necessarily what is best for her.

5. Katniss and Gale go to district 12 for the next rebel propo shoot so they can talk about and show the other district citizens what happened to their district at the hands of President Snow (and warn what could happen to theirs). They want the rebels to sympathize with them and see just how cruel.

6. Why doesn’t Haymitch go with? He couldn’t face district 12 without a bottle of liquor - too much for him to bear without being drunk.

7. Pollux is able to have a “conversation” with a mockingjay.

8. Katniss first sings Rue’s 4 note melody for Pollux, then switches to a real song because it was bringing back too many bad memories.

9. Katniss sings The Hanging Tree, a song which she has not sung out loud for 10 years because it’s forbidden.

10. Read “The Hanging Tree” by Marty Robbins and compare it to Katniss’s “Hanging Tree” song. Both speakers are asking their love to come with them to the hanging trees. What does that mean? To die with them - come to death with them.

11. How do the speakers feel about the quality of life they are living right now? That the quality of life is not good, so death would be better.

12. Why do you think Katniss chose this song to sing? Answers may vary; first, it’s one that reminds her of her father and being back in district 12 brings back those memories. Second, and more importantly, she understands the meaning of the song symbolizes their situation now. Life is not worth living right now and they can’t see the silver lining, or that it will change/improve.

13. What is Pollux’s reaction to her singing? He begins crying.

14. Why do you think he reacts this way? Even though he is a Capitol citizen, he’s obviously been enslaved for being a traitor and sees that his life, too, had no purpose and was not worth living. Until he joined the rebels, he probably felt the same as the narrator of the song--that death would be better than life. They all may be thinking how sad it is, to wish for death rather than hope that things get better.
15. What was “the doorway to both sustenance and sanity”? The rock ledge overlooking the valley in the woods surrounding district 12. (The rock ledge was the doorway, the woods represented sustenance and sanity.)

16. What does Katniss mean when she says she and Gale were “each other’s key” to the doorway? They needed one another in order to survive. Without each other, they would not have been able to keep their families going like they had. It can mean both physically - as hunting partners - and emotionally, as best friends.

17. What is Katniss’s message to Peeta standing outside the bakery? There is no one left to hear your call for a cease-fire.

18. Plutarch talks of weapons of war that no longer exist. Name three: high-flying planes, military satellites, cell disintegrators, drones, biological weapons.

19. Why do these no longer exist? They were brought down by the destruction of the atmosphere OR lack of resources OR moral squeamishness (funny how the Games are morally OK in the Capitol's eyes, but not biological weapons, etc.).

20. What is your impression of Plutarch based on these observations? Answers will vary. Some may say he seems upset, depressed, that he can’t use these types of weapons; that he has a need for killing, destruction; he is still a Gamemaker at heart; his motivation is more about the game and ways to kill rather than justice or doing the right thing. (Note to teacher - not part of answer: This is foreshadowing the final events in the Capitol where Snow reveals that Coin was responsible for parachutes & Plutarch made sure it went live to Panem. He comments that you can see Plutarch’s involvement clearly in the way Coin’s orders were executed.)

21. Describe Peeta’s condition and his message for Katniss: He looks much worse (the angry, unfocused look in his eyes worries Katniss the most); his message is that she will be dead by morning. He is warning her that they know she is in 13 and they plan to kill her.
Part II Answers

Chapter 10 Questions

1. Why does President Coin think it is inconceivable that the Capitol would bomb district 13? Give at least three reasons she feels it would be “counterproductive” (p. 138):
   1. Nuclear missiles would release radiation into the atmosphere with incalculable environmental results (results we have no idea how to even figure out what their impact would be).
   2. Bombing could damage their compound and if the Capitol wants to regain it, why would they destroy it?
   3. It invites a counter-strike (13 nukes them back) and no one wins. -page 138

2. How do the district 13 citizens conduct themselves during the “eardrum-piercing, fear-inducing” lockdown? Very calmly, silently, orderly. No panic--it is obvious no one panics in district 13. -page 139

3. On page 140, Plutarch’s happiness about the successful Airtime Assault is evident, despite the circumstances. Katniss thinks Eyes on the forest, not on the tress. What does this expression mean? It means to look at the big picture, or the overall result of something, rather than the individual or singular things that make up the big picture. Who or what is she referring to when she thinks this? She is referring to Plutarch being happy the Airtime Assault worked, rather than concerned about Peeta’s welfare and that they are torturing him to death. To Plutarch, that’s just a minor detail--so what if one little tree is harmed when the overall result was to take over the forest. The people are the trees, the country is the forest. Some trees will be lost along the way and even though they are irreplaceable, there’s still a forest. People who argue “for the greater good” and “the end justifies the means” use this type of analogy. They look at the big picture rather than the impact on the individuals. Sometimes this can be good or used in a positive way (coaches may use this in training--don't look at the daily practices or exercises as hell, look at the overall result you’ll achieve in the end). But it can also be abused by those who view life as expendable. -page 140

4. How does Plutarch want Katniss to conduct herself in the bunker? Calmly and bravely. Why? Because people look to her as a role model. If she is brave and calm, they will act the same.

5. Why is Prim late to arrive in the bunker? She went back to get her cat, Buttercup. -page 144

6. What image of Buttercup does Katniss recall in order to “deal with him over the years”? She visualizes Buttercup’s fur lining a pair of gloves for herself. (Him dead & skinned, her with warm hands.) -page 145

7. What does Gale retrieve for Katniss? page 145-146:
   1. a box of medical supplies for her mom
   2. her game bag, with the following inside it:
      a. plant book
      b. hunting jacket
      c. her parent's wedding photo
      d. the contents of her personal drawer: the gold locket from Peeta, the silver parachute from the 75th games with the spile and Peeta’s pearl wrapped within

8. What is the purpose of a bunker missile? They are designed to penetrate deep into the ground before they go off. page 147

9. What does “wherewithal” mean? The means needed for a particular purpose. (Peeta had the means to warn her: the knowledge, the opportunity, and the courage.) -pages 147-148

10. What is Katniss’s concern about Peeta’s “battle in his mind” when he gave the warning of the attack on district 13? That he is being tortured in a way that affects his brain - like he's being
brainwashed or he is going crazy from being tortured. Since he has never had difficulty with words before, she knows something has changed. (Foreshadowing) page 148

11. What do you think has caused him the struggle (in his mind) to get the message out? Answers will vary

12. Katniss realizes she has neglected Prim in the last year and a half. What new information does she learn about her sister? Prim is going to train to be a doctor. She is taking beginner medic courses. (Foreshadowing the fact that she should not have been authorized to be in the Capitol in chapter 25 as a trained medic.) -page 149

13. According to Prim, why won’t President Snow kill Peeta? If he does, he won’t have anyone left Katniss loves or cares about to use against her. he’ll have no way to hurt her. Peeta is his last bit of leverage he has over Katniss. page 150

14. But what will he do to Peeta, according to Prim? He’ll do whatever it takes to break her. page 151

A bit of TRIVIA: Which is the most commonly used letter in the alphabet? E http://www.wisegeek.com/what-is-the-most-commonly-used-letter-in-english.htm

Why do some think the number 47 is special? Some people claim it is the most commonly occurring number. There’s a group that devotes itself to the number 47: http://www.47.net/47society/

http://www.orbitals.com/psiu/47.html

Which compartment is Katniss assigned to in the bunker? E Gale? 47 Coincidental??

Chapter 11 Questions

1. Katniss asks herself what will “break her.” What does it mean to be broken? Answers will vary, but should be along the lines of: falling apart, losing the will to live, getting depressed, going crazy, etc. page 152

2. What would “break” you? Answers will vary.

3. Describe the “Crazy Cat” game Katniss created: page 153. Katniss shines a flashlight and Buttercup tries to chase the light, but he can never catch it.

4. Crazy Cat becomes a metaphor for my situation.

5. I am Buttercup. Peeta is the light.

6. Explain this connection between the Crazy Cat game & Katniss and Peeta. What is President Snow's role in the game? Katniss is the cat, never able to obtain the light (or Peeta). President Snow is the master of the light-the person controlling the flashlight, turning the light off and on at will, always keeping it out of her reach. He’s showing Katniss images of Peeta, then turns them off, never allowing her to see him in person. Driving her crazy.

7. Who does Katniss seek out in the middle of the night? Finnick page 154

8. At what moment did Finnick realize that Katniss truly loved Peeta? When she thought Peeta was dead in the 75th Games, then Finnick revived him.

9. When Katniss asks Finnick how he bears the fact that his loved one is being tortured, he says, “I don’t, Katniss!... ...Better not to give in to it. It takes... [finish his quote] ten times as long to put yourself back together as it does to fall apart. (page 156)

10. What does he give Katniss to distract herself? His rope to tie knots.

11. Approximately how many days/nights were they in the bunker? Four (page 153 - 3rd night, page 157 was 24 hours later)

12. What is Katniss's next assignment when they leave the bunker? To show that the Mockingjay is still alive--that Snow couldn’t kill her.

13. How long has President Snow had Peeta? 5-6 weeks (It is September, she believes.)
14. What did President Snow leave for Katniss? **pink & red roses (page 160)**
Discuss his motives - to “break” Katniss, unnerve her.
15. Why can’t Katniss be the Mockingjay anymore? **She realizes that everything she says will be directly taken out on Peeta; it will result in his torture. page 162**
16. Who does Katniss seek out for comfort? **Haymitch page 163**
17. Why does she seek this person’s comfort? **She seeks Haymitch because he loves Peeta, too, and is probably feeling very similar things.**
18. What is Plutarch’s plan & why didn’t they try it before? **page 164 - to send a rescue team for Peeta. They didn’t before because people’s covers would have been blown, people will die. Discussion question: ask who has volunteered to go on this mission? (Gale)**

**HANDS-ON ACTIVITY:** see supplemental handout (in supplemental handout file) for knot-tying activity.

**Chapter 10-11 Check Questions**
1. Why is there a lockdown in District 13? **They believe the Capitol is going to be bombed.**
2. How do the district 13 citizens conduct themselves during the “eardrum-piercing, fear-inducing” lockdown? **Very calmly and silently**
3. According to Prim, why won’t President Snow kill Peeta? **Because he’ll have no leverage over Katniss if he does.**
4. Describe the “Crazy Cat” game Katniss created: **Katniss shines a flashlight & Buttercup chases it, but can never catch it.**
5. What does Finnick give Katniss to distract herself? **A rope to tie knots**
6. When they go outside after the bombings, they see that President Snow left **what** for Katniss? **Pink and red roses**

**Chapter 12 Questions**
1. Why is Finnick happy about the rescue mission no matter which way it turns out? **Because then they'll know for sure whether they are alive or dead, and can move on with their lives. Grieve if they are dead, rejoice & reunite if they are alive & saved. page 166**
2. What is Katniss & Finnick’s job during the mission AND what purpose will it serve? **To film a propo to distract the Capitol audience (and President Snow) while the mission is in place.**
3. Katniss finally realizes that the Capitol is fragile because... **it depends on the districts for everything: food, energy, Peacekeepers, entertainment (last one not listed in book)**
4. What new information do we learn about Finnick in his interview? **President Snow sold him as a slave, basically. He was forced into having relations with women (those weren’t his lovers or girlfriends as Katniss had assumed).**
5. How was Finnick paid? **page 171 In secrets (an allusion to Catching Fire)**
6. What is President Snow’s full name? **Coriolanus Snow**

**SUPPLEMENTAL RESEARCH:** look up Coriolanus - who was he? Who wrote a play about him? What was it about? **See my notes in Supplemental handouts file.**
7. How was President Snow able to rise to power AND keep that power for so long? **Poison - he used poison to kill his enemies or anyone who has become a threat to him. (Foreshadowing that Coin does the same, but not with poison.)**
*Connection to Julius Caesar (see supplemental handouts for activity) - Brutus describes Julius Caesar as a serpent’s egg. Not yet deadly, but with the potential to become a poisonous snake.*
8. Why does Snow wear roses that reek of perfume? To cover the smell of blood from the sores in his mouth, which were caused by drinking the same poison as his enemies (sometimes the antidotes did not work completely).

9. What do we learn about Haymitch’s family? President Snow had them all killed (including his girlfriend) within two weeks of him becoming a victor because of his stunt with the forcefield.

10. After finding out this new information about Haymitch and Finnick, how does Katniss feel toward them? She is more sympathetic, and feels guilty for having ill thoughts of them. She thought she was the only one that President Snow has tormented, but she realizes that he uses and torments all the victors (and anyone) to get what he wants. She also realizes that perhaps she has been lucky—her mother, Prim, Gale, and Peeta are all still alive.

11. On page 173, Katniss describes Finnick’s account as “salacious and gory”. What does that mean? Salacious is sexually explicit or indecent; gory is gruesome.

12. On page 176, why is Katniss jealous? Because Finnick & Annie know for certain they love one another and there are no others competing for that love, unlike her situation with Peeta and Gale. She’s so confused about her feelings, but Finnick and Annie are very certain about theirs.

13. How is her reunion different than Finnick’s? Peeta tries to kill her/strangle her when she runs to embrace him.

PREDICT...
What do you think has happened to cause this type of “reunion” for Katniss & why? Answers will vary. Educated guesses would be that he was brainwashed in some way or programmed to kill her.
What will happen next? Answers will vary.

Chapter 13 Questions
1. What injuries has Katniss suffered? Damage to the spinal cord, damage to her airway, veins, arteries; bruising, hoarseness, sore larynx (p. 178)
2. What is wrong with Peeta? He’s been “hijacked” by the Capitol (p. 179)
3. Explain what that means and how the Capitol did it: Using tracker jacker venom to alter his memories, they were able to create new memories of lies that depicted Katniss as someone who needed to die, or who he needs to kill (it basically means he’s been brainwashed to believe Katniss is the enemy.) (p. 180-181)
4. Why does Plutarch’s attempt to cheer Katniss up (p. 182) backfire? Because she finds out that Portia, Peeta’s prep team, and possibly Effie are all dead. This is not cause to celebrate. (p. 182)
5. The following underlined passage from page 183 is an example of what type of figurative language? Simile (p. 183)

He doesn’t speak, just runs his fingers over the bruises on my neck, with a touch as light as moth wings, plants a kiss between my eyes, and disappears.

(Gale’s kiss feels like moth wings on her skin.)
DISCUSS: Why do you think the author chose to use moth wings as the comparison? Answers may include that moths are symbols of metamorphosis. Just as the green & silver moth landed on Katniss’s wrist in The Hunger Games as she transformed from a person looking out only for herself into one who was willing to give her life for Peeta, they are both going through another transformation/turning point in their friendship/relationship. The reader may think this is foreshadowing that perhaps she is going to choose Gale, but actually, as the novel progresses, we see that this is where Katniss realizes she and Gale are not as alike.
as she thought they were. He is going to move toward expressing himself through violence and revenge, whereas she wants to get away from the violence.

6. What new compartment is Katniss and her family assigned to? 2212 (See number symbolism in supplemental handouts.)

7. Katniss comments that Prim has inherited the best qualities their family has to offer, but also adds her own quality. What is it? An ability to look into the confusing mess of life and see things for what they are.

8. What have Beetee and Gale been working on in Special Defense? Bombs—using the psychology of hunting and trapping and applying it to humans.

9. How does Katniss feel about their project? She is appalled by it.

10. Who has been selected to help Peeta recover? Delly Cartwright

11. What lies have the Capitol told Peeta about Katniss? That she is a mutt; that she tried to kill Peeta and that she did kill his family and friends.

12. Where is Katniss headed AND why? She is headed to district 2 to basically get away from Peeta. It is too hard for her to bare, knowing he doesn't think of her in the same way.

13. Why do you think people choose escape as a way to deal with their problems? Answers will vary

WRITE ABOUT IT: What would YOU do if you were Katniss? Why? Answers will vary

Chapters 12-13 Check Questions
1. What does Katniss talk about in her “distract President Snow” propo? About how she met Peeta - how he took a beating to save her life with the loaves of bread and how she is not handling the separation very well, knowing he's being tortured or could be dead. Then she talks about President Snow telling her how fragile the Capitol is and realizing it is because it depends on the districts for everything. She then declares her freedom/independence from the Capitol.

2. What does Finnick talk about in his propo interview? Finnick discusses what President Snow put him through and how Snow rose to power using poison against his enemies and opposition.

3. Whose is more effective? Finnick's

Why? More people are affected by the accusations Finnick makes; they will know the people he refers to & be directly connected to them. It will cause more shock and recrimination. Even Fulvia and Plutarch are shocked at some of the secrets Finnick reveals.

4. How did the Capitol torture Peeta? They used tracker jacker venom to alter his memories, making him believe Katniss is the enemy. (Brainwashed him)

5. What effect does this have on Katniss? She almost dies when he attacks her; she has to escape and get away from him because she can't bare the thought that Peeta doesn't love her the same anymore. She always counted on his unconditional love, even though she took it for granted. Now that he doesn't feel the same, she has to escape.

Chapter 14 Questions
1. What was Prim’s idea to try to help Peeta? To hijack him back using morphling (because it calms) and good memories (videos of real events/things that took place).

2. Which memory did they use to try this? Katniss telling the story of how she got Prim’s goat from the 74th Games.

3. What was Peeta’s reaction? Extreme confusion, then he went into a stupor. He only asked about the goat.

4. Why does Gale feel even more jealous of Peeta now? Because he doesn’t think he’ll ever have a chance with Katniss now if Peeta doesn’t get better; he knows that she has a soft spot for
anyone who is in pain. And since Peeta is in pain, he believes she will never be able to let him go. She will always feel the guilt of not being with Peeta if she is with Gale. (p. 197)

5. Who is Lyme? Give a detailed description: Lyme is the district 2 commander. She is a former victor, 6 feet tall, muscular, middle-aged, won her games over a generation ago (roughly 18-24 years ago). (Her name is also the name of lyme disease, which is transmitted by deer ticks and prevalent in the midwest and Rocky mountains. Lime, or lime tree, is also the meaning of the popular name Linda.)

6. If District 12 had its own Commander, who do you think it would be and why? Answers will vary. Most of my students answered Gale, a handful said Katniss, and a couple answered Haymitch.

7. What is the “Nut”? The nickname (a tough “nut” to crack) is for the mountain that houses the Capitol’s defense team.

8. Gale compares the Nut to what? a wild dog den

9. What are the two ways to get the “dogs”? 
   1. flush them out
   2. trap them inside

10. What is Gale's plan? To cut off the ventilation, create avalanches that will block the entrances and blow up the train station, killing everyone inside.

Chapter 15 Questions

1. The majority of the workers in the Nut are **district 2 citizens**.

2. What is Boggs's opinion of/for the plan? He wants to keep the train station open/in tact rather than blow it up.

3. The avalanche triggers what memories for Katniss? It triggers memories of her father in the coal mine explosion when she was 11. She flashes back to that fateful day.

4. How is Katniss’s father “appearing” to her symbolic? It is symbolic because it reminds her how she felt when her father was trapped inside and died down there, so she can feel the agony of the families of loved ones who watch the avalanche bury the “nut” and all who are inside. She knows what they are doing is wrong. She does not wish that pain on anyone, even if they are the enemy.

5. Why does Katniss want Peeta to be there? (p. 211) Peeta can articulate why it is wrong to kill the people who are struggling to survive; they are helpless, so it would be senseless killing.

6. Explain how the killing is full circle: It means that the killing each other will never end. The district citizens will continue to kill (in the Games) while the Capitol and its citizens continue to watch, unscathed. The cycle will never end unless they band together against the Capitol. (She uses the analogy of the tributes killing one another circling around, and here they are again killing one another: Katniss killed Cato, Cato killed Thresh, Thresh killed Clove, Clove tried to kill Katniss—coming back around to the beginning.)

7. What happens to Katniss and why do you think this happens? She gets shot. Answers will vary for the reasons.

Look it Up...

World War I was called “The War to End All Wars.” Did it end all wars? No
Why was it called the war to end them all? President Woodrow Wilson used the phrase because he believed that democracy would spread throughout the world and there would never be a need for war. He was the architect for the League of Nations (which was flawed, but led to the creation of the United Nations). He naively believed peace could come from negotiations rather than violence. (And it usually can when you are dealing with rational people.)
Chapters 14 - 15 Check Questions
1. What is the “Nut”? The mountain that houses the Capitol’s defense team. (It took the place of district 13 after the first rebellion.)
2. Why is it called the “Nut”? Plutarch said the mountain was a “tough nut to crack,” and the phrase stuck.
3. When did Gale realize he was in love with Katniss? When darius was flirting with her and he became jealous. About six months before the 74th Games, right after New Year’s, when she was 15. (So now we know that reaping day is the end of May or beginning of June, not long after Katniss’s birthday.)
4. Who is Lyme? The district 2 commander
5. Why have all the previous missions to “take” the Nut failed? Because the entrances are set too far inside the stone for them to be damaged, and no one could think of any other way than to storm the entrances.
6. Why do Katniss, Lyme, and Boggs object initially to Gale’s plan to “take” the Nut? Because everyone inside would be trapped and would die--just like Katniss’s father and all the other miners who have died beneath rubble.
7. Who is Katniss reminded of when she sees the destruction and when Boggs gives her a blanket? Her father.
8. What is Katniss’s response when the man from district 2 asks her to give him one reason he shouldn't shoot her? She says, “I can’t.”
9. Whose slave does Katniss say she is? The Capitol’s slave.
10. What happens when she looks to the TV monitor and hopes to see a reconciliation? She watches herself get shot.

Chapter 16 Questions #1
1. Katniss recalls the word Peeta whispered to her last year. What is it? Always.
2. What had she asked him beforehand to get that response? She asked him to stay with her.
3. Why do you think her memory, which had repressed it, allows her to remember it now? Answers will vary.
4. Who is Katniss’s roommate in the hospital? Johanna Mason, victor from district 7
5. What is she stealing from Katniss? Her morphling
6. Johanna refers to District 13 as a “rabbit warren.” What is a rabbit warren? A rabbit warren can refer to any community where people reside; literally it is a series of underground tunnels occupied by rabbits. The analogy between the rabbit warren and district 13 seems to fit well. Discussion point: Does that make the citizens of 13, or residents of 13, rabbits? If so, what do rabbits symbolize? (Answers may include that of a trickster, or tricky character (Central African folklore, and also in many Disney/Looney Toons characters); rabbits are also symbols of rebirth and fertility (Christian & pagan symbols); In Jewish folklore, rabbits (shfanim שפנים) are associated with cowardice.
7. Katniss disagrees with Gale about killing everyone in the mountain, saying: But that kind of thinking...you could turn it into an argument for killing anyone at any time. You could justify sending kids into the Hunger Games to prevent the districts from getting out of line.
Do you agree or disagree with Katniss? Why? Answers will vary
8. What does Panem et Circenses mean? Bread & Circuses- it means the people will give up their political rights as long as they are fed & entertained (as the Capitol citizens are). (See Meaning of Panem activity)
9. Why are the Capitol citizens probably ready to turn on the Capitol itself? They are cut off from all the other districts now, so they are not getting supplies (food, clothing, etc.) and they cannot function without the districts (they aren’t self-supportive like district 13).
10. Who is getting married? **Finnick and Annie**

11. How did Peeta contribute to the celebration? **He made & decorated the cake**

12. What does Peeta remember that he shares with Katniss? **He remembers giving her the bread when they were 11 and that he must have loved her a lot.**

13. Katniss uses four adjectives to describe herself. Write them below and give an example of how she has displayed each one of these traits throughout the trilogy: **Violent, distrustful, manipulative, deadly. (see chart below)**

**Chapter 16 Questions #2 CLOZE activity**

Optional word bank:

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While Katniss is recovering from her **gunshot (or bullet)** wound, she is able to remember the single word Peeta said to her after she had asked him to stay with her. He said, **“Always.”** Instead of feeling sorrow, she feels **empty.**

Katniss’s hospital roommate is **Johanna Mason,** who has been stealing **morphling** from Katniss. Katniss disagrees with **Gale** about blowing up the mountain in district **two.** She argues that with his justification of destroying the mountain to prevent future deaths, anyone could turn it into an argument for killing anyone at any time. They could justify sending kids into the **Hunger Games** to prevent the districts from getting out of line.

The Capitol has only known **Panem et Circences,** which is Latin for **bread** and **circuses.** It means in return for food and entertainment, the people will give up their **political** responsibilities, and therefore their **power.**

Plutarch plans a wedding for **Annie** and **Finnick.** A fiddler from district **twelve** provides the music for dancing and **Peeta** frosted the cake as part of his therapy.

He requests to see **Katniss** and says to her, **“I remember about the bread.”**

On page 232, Katniss uses four adjectives to describe herself. **Write them below AND give an example of how she has displayed each one of these traits throughout the trilogy:**

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| **VIOLENT** | -Hunting | -Self-defense in the arenas
-Has a temper/hot-headed (knocks the pencils off the shelves in supply closet, blows up at Coin when she doesn't immediately agree to grant immunity to Peeta if rebels win)
-Skilled soldier (district 8 battle) |
| **DISTRUSTFUL** | -In HG she drugged Peeta to get medicine
-She doesn’t follow her schedule in district 13
-She has a hard time following orders given to her (in the Games, in district 8, etc.) |
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**Chapter 16 Check Questions**
1. Katniss recalls the word Peeta whispered to her last year. What is it? **Always**
2. Who is Katniss’s roommate in the hospital? **Johanna**
3. What is she stealing from Katniss? **morphling**
4. How did Peeta contribute to the celebration? **He frosted Finnick & Annie’s cake.**
5. What memory does Peeta recall that he shares with Katniss? **He remembers giving Katniss the bread when they were 11.**

**Chapter 17 Check Questions**
1. At the beginning of the chapter, why does Gale get picked to go to the Capitol to fight and not Katniss? **Because he has been training and she has been skipping it. In addition, she’s not the greatest at following orders.**
2. What does Katniss decide to do so she is allowed to go? **She decides to start training.**
3. Who does this with her? **Johanna**
4. Who shows up at dinner to sit next to Johanna? **Peeta**
5. What new information do we learn about Johanna & Peeta’s imprisonment in the Capitol? **They were cell mates and listened to one another’s screams each night.**

**DISCUSSION POINT:** Why does going through a traumatic event seem to bring people together (or bond)? -Students should see that the common event/experience allows them to feel closer. They have shared something very personal (their screams from being tortured & the experience itself), which also brings them closer.

**Chapter 18 Questions**

**CHAPTER 18 - Star Squad 451**

*Squad 451 is a special unit of rebel sharpshooters. Its members were trained in District 13 and were sent on a mission to the Capitol. They were also referred to as the star squad because they were the on-screen faces of the invasion. They were accompanied by the TV crew (Cressida, Messalla, Castor, and Pollux) so that they could continue to make props for the Airtime Assault.*

*Squad 451 is a not-so-subtle reference to Fahrenheit 451. The themes of Fahrenheit 451 include censorship and mass media influence on literature consumption by the masses. Cressida goes so far as to tell the Squad that they are part of the “disinformation team.”*
1. Who is the Commander of squad four-five-one? Boggs
2. What special skills do these soldiers have that set them apart from the rest? They are a special unit of skilled sharp-shooters.
3. What does Katniss give to Johanna? Katniss gives her pine needles (she collected in the woods with Boggs’ permission) wrapped in white bandage cloth. Why does she give her this? She wanted Johanna to have a token of her own, a memento. She thought of the pine needles because she is from district 7, lumber. She knew it would remind her of home. It is a token of friendship, as well.
4. Write the names of the members of the “Star Squad” (each character links to the Hunger Games Wiki with character descriptions):
   - **District 13 citizens:**
     - Boggs (Commander)
     - Jackson (Second in Command)
     - Leeg 1
     - Leeg 2
     - Mitchell
     - Homes
   - **Other district citizens:**
     - Katniss
     - Gale
     - Finnick
     - Peeta (Alternates in after Leeg 2 is killed)
   - The camera crew is not included, but they are with the squadron. They are: Cressida, Messalla, Castor, and Pollux (They have 13 original members if you count the camera crew; even after Leeg 2 dies, Peeta is sent as a replacement and maintains the number of members at 13. Is that symbolic?)
5. What is their “special mission”? They are the on-screen faces of the invasion; the Star Squad. [There is a scarcity (dearth) of camera crews, but plenty of sharp-shooters.]
6. Why isn’t Boggs concerned about the Capitol’s hovercrafts attacking them when they are in their tents in the encampment outside of the Capitol? He says they destroyed them all and if there are any left, President Snow will be holding on to them to make his escape, if needed. (FORESHADOWING - Pres. Snow tells Katniss later he would have escaped if he had a hovercraft. The fact that Boggs, who Katniss trusted, had said so himself solidifies for Katniss that President Snow is not lying.)
7. What is a “Holo”? An electronic/holographic hand-held contraption (map) that shows the Capitol pods that are armed. Like a high-tech mine-sweeper.
8. Peeta joins the Star Squad after Leeg 2 dies.
9. Who assigned this person & why did she have this person join, according to Katniss? According to Peeta, the propos need “heating up.” But Katniss believes President Coin sent Peeta so he would kill Katniss. Coin obviously has no use for Katniss now, so she wants her dead.
Part III Answers

Chapter 19 Check Questions
1. To help Peeta with his recovery, Jackson devises the game called what? **Real or Not Real**
2. Who was Lavinia? **Red-headed Avox girl**
3. How did Darius die? **Tortured with electrocution, asking questions even though he couldn’t answer, cutting off his body parts--all done to torture Peeta.**
4. Why is everyone laughing at Mitchell? **Because his acting abilities are even worse than Katniss’s. His nostrils flare as he tries to recreate the propo, so they all can’t help laughing at him.**
5. What happens to Boggs? **After reprimanding the Star Squad for laughing at Mitchell (even though he, himself, is chuckling), he accidentally steps onto a mine and his legs are blown off.**

Chapter 20 Check Questions
1. How does Katniss know there’s no hope to save Boggs? **She knows that once a pool of blood has reached a certain size, that person is as good as dead & can’t be saved. She has experienced enough injuries by watching her mother treat or help people.**
2. Why do you think Boggs transfers the power over to Katniss rather than to Jackson? **Answers will vary; students may think that he trusts Katniss to follow through with her mission to kill Snow, or perhaps he wants her to find the truth about Coin.**
3. What are Boggs’s final orders for Katniss? **“Don’t trust them. Don’t go back. Kill Peeta. Do what you came to do.”**
4. Which Star Squad members lose their lives in this chapter and how? List below.
   - **Boggs:** dies after having his legs blown off from an unmarked mine.
   - **Mitchell:** dies after being trapped in a net-Capitol pod-when he tried to restrain Peeta. He gets engulfed in the fumes from the black oily tar from another Capitol pod.

Chapter 21 Questions
Reminders of the Games...
1. On the bottom of page 291, Katniss says she feels the arena all around her, battling for both her own survival and Peeta’s. Why does she think President Snow would be satisfied if she killed Peeta? **Because she would have Peeta’s death on her conscience for the rest of her life; she knows that would please President Snow.**
   **Note to teacher:** This, perhaps, could be taken as foreshadowing to her decision not to kill President Snow in the end. (And relates to her comment in chapter 5, page 69, about the aftermath of killing a person, as well.) Even though she is determined to kill Snow, there is something gnawing at her in the back of her mind that knows the consequence of killing him would be worse. It’s not until chapter 26 that we learn why she can’t/shouldn’t kill him (he’s going to die soon anyway, and Coin is the real threat/enemy who can do the most damage), but there are clues like these that give us doubt that she should.
2. What kind of canned food does Peeta hand Katniss? **Lamb stew**
3. What does the canned food symbolize? **It symbolizes hope; it was her favorite meal in the Capitol and gave them hope in the arena that they could both get home. It means there is hope that Peeta can come around and be himself again. The small gesture of kindness--giving her the food he knows she loved--is the old Peeta.**
4. On page 293, what else reminds Katniss of the Games and the tributes? **The Capitol starts broadcasting images of the Star Squad (who they believe are dead) just as they did in the arena with the dead tributes.**
5. List the Star Squad members who have died: Leeg 2, Boggs, and Mitchell.
6. What is a eulogy? A eulogy is a speech or piece of writing that praises someone or something highly, typically someone who has just died.
7. Who broadcasts Katniss’s eulogy to all of Panem? President Coin issues a eulogy for Katniss.
8. Being underground reminds Katniss of what? (List three things.)
   a. mines
   b. tunnels
   c. district 13
9. Explain why those things may have negative memories for her. All bring back bad memories: her father dying, being underground in 13, being in the “catacombs” before being launched into each arena, etc.
10. On page 299, we are reminded of why Peeta’s presence is an advantage for the squad by the way he treats Pollux. What is Peeta’s reaction, as opposed to the other squad members, when they head into the tunnels? He makes Pollux feel good about the situation, saying he is their greatest asset. Not only does it take Pollux’s mind off the terrible memories, he makes him feel important and essential to the group rather than a burden.
11. What did Peeta mean when he said it wasn’t “shiny” (page 302)? The memories that are altered have a fake, shiny look to them; the ones that are real memories don’t. (This reminds me of photoshopped or altered images when the color saturation and contrast is cranked up. I picture Peeta’s flashbacks Capitol-created memories looking like that.)
12. What word is repeated over & over? Katniss
13. Who or what is saying it, do you think? Answers will vary.

Chapter 22 Questions
1. Page 304: What are these mutts doing to torment Katniss? Saying her name over & over; Peeta is programmed to respond to the mutts, and meant to kill her and join in when he hears it. She almost kills him, but--once again--he chooses to try to save her rather than kill her.
2. Pages 306-307: Who do the mutts kill on their way to Katniss? Avoxes Why would that be torturous for her? The guilt that more innocent people are dying at her expense will surely torment her.
3. Page 307 (bottom): What causes Katniss to gag? The smell of President Snow’s roses & blood Are the others affected by it? No Where is the smell coming from? It’s coming from the sewer (traveling with the liquid), but ultimately they come from the mutts
4. Page 308 (top): What was inside the first pod Katniss blows up? flesh-eating rats
5. Page 308: Describe the unmarked pod that takes Messalla’s life: a wide shaft of golden light that melts the flesh off Messalla’s body, like candle wax
6. Page 308: Which Star Squad member is the only one able to function after seeing Messalla? Peeta Why is this significant? Because he’s the crazy one who has been programmed to kill Katniss when he hears the mutts screech her name. The others are the trained soldiers who should know how to get out of those situations.
7. Page 309: Who fires at them? Peacekeepers Who is right behind them (your answer above) and what do they do to them? The mutts - they look similar because the mutts are white like the Peacekeeper outfits. But the mutts begin to decapitate the Peacekeepers on their way to Katniss. Now she knows they will destroy anyone and anything that gets in their way of getting to her.
8. Page 309 (and page 311 in more detail): Describe the mutts, including their appearance and how they destroy their enemies: They are white, lizard-like creatures; human size & walk on
two legs; naked, reptilian tails, arched backs, heads that jut forward; They decapitate their victims.

9. Page 309: Explain what the “MEAT GRINDER” does and why Katniss activated it: It is a large mouth that will chew up anything in its path. She hopes it will hold off the mutts & remaining Peacekeepers.

10. Page 310: What dangerous obstacle is in the main sewer? The brew of human waste, garbage, chemical run-off, and a slick and narrow ledge & bridge. How do they get around it? They cross these to get aboveground through a tunnel. Gale blows up the bridge, so the mutts can’t cross it.

11. Page 311: How are the mutts affected by Katniss’s scent? They go even crazier the closer they get to her. They must be programmed to her scent.

12. Pages 312-313: How do they combat the mutts? Katniss activates the Holo as a bomb (nightlock 3 times) and throws it down the tunnel. It blows up & Pollux closes & locks the lid.

13. Page 314: How is Katniss able to subdue Peeta’s nightmares? She kisses him & reminds him to “stay with” her. he responds as he did before, with “Always.”

MY NOTES

Dead this chapter (6 for a total of 9 dead):
- Messalla is killed in the golden light pod.
- Jackson & Leeg 1 stay at the Meat Grinder to hold off the mutts. They are presumed dead.
- Finnick, Homes, and Castor die from the mutts to save the others as they get above-ground.

Still Alive (5):
- Katniss, Peeta, Gale, Cressida, Pollux

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<td>- Find shelter at Tigris’s (fill out new character info. for Tigris)</td>
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<td>- Page 326 is an allusion to Shakespeare’s Tragedy of Julius Caesar (display body)</td>
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<td>- p. 330-331 allusion to Caesar with crazed people attacking who they think is Peeta (Cinna the Poet’s death allusion)</td>
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<td>- Leaving Tigris's p. 337</td>
<td>- Gale is taken by Peacekeepers</td>
<td>- Katniss gets to city circle &amp; sees children as Snow’s shield</td>
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<td>- Rebels gunning down innocent civilians</td>
<td>- Silver parachutes fall from Capitol hovercraft &amp; some explode</td>
<td>- Peacekeepers shocked - were not expecting it (foreshadowing)</td>
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<td>- Pods: steam pod, purple glowing light pod, earth-splitting pod with black corpses</td>
<td>- Medics arrive; Katniss sees Prim &amp; calls out to her</td>
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<td>- Prim dies in explosion</td>
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<td>- Let’s Prim go even though she wants to go with her</td>
<td>- Katniss nearly dies</td>
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<td>- She’s not dead but wants to be, but they keep her alive (connection to Metallica’s “One” - see supplemental handouts)</td>
<td>New character: <strong>Dr. Aurelius:</strong> head doctor (psychologist or psychiatrist); often takes naps and doesn’t ask Katniss “stupid” questions</td>
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<td>- Katniss is badly burned &amp; is put back together</td>
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<td>- Page 351--she has turned into her mother after her father’s death. Her mother has turned into her--keeping her distance and throwing herself into her work</td>
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<td>- Katniss goes to Snow’s rose garden</td>
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<td>- Snow tells Katniss it was Coin who dropped the silver parachutes &amp; played them both so she could take over Panem</td>
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# Chapter 26

- **Main Events in Chap. 26**
- **New Information learned about characters or events**

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- Katniss attempts to talk to Haymitch
- Prep team & Effie come for execution day
- Coin assembles remaining victors for vote whether they should have a Hunger Games for Capitol children
- Only remaining victors left are: Enobaria, Johanna, Beetee, Haymitch, Annie, Peeta, Katniss (that means Lyme died somehow & we know how Finnick died)
- Katniss does not want it in her mind, but votes yes
- Haymitch goes along with her
- As she is about to shoot President Snow, she instead takes aim at President Coin & kills her

## Chapters 26-27 True/False Questions

1. **T / F** Prim is killed by President Snow’s exploding silver parachutes. **FALSE - President Coin’s**
2. **T / F** Katniss is severely burned from the explosions. **TRUE**
3. **T / F** Commander Paylor lets Katniss go into President Snow’s rose garden. **TRUE**
4. **T / F** President Snow tells Katniss that Plutarch was behind the exploding parachutes. **FALSE** *That it was President Coin; Plutarch was responsible for making sure it was caught on camera, but he doesn’t have authority to issue the dropping of the bombs.*
5. **T / F** President Coin asks the remaining victors to vote on hosting a new Hunger Games with the Capitol children. **TRUE**
6. **T / F** Katniss kills President Snow, then shoots President Coin. **FALSE - kills Coin; Snow dies from either being trampled or choking on blood from laughing**
7. **T / F** Gale stops Katniss from eating the nightlock pill and killing herself. **FALSE - Peeta stops Katniss from taking the nightlock (he holds his hand over it and she bites his hand)**
8. **T / F** Katniss tries to kill herself while being held in her old training center room. **TRUE**
9. **T / F** While imprisoned, she begins to sing all the songs her father taught her. **TRUE**
10. **T / F** Katniss’s punishment is to return to district 13 until they know what to do with her. **FALSE - to return to district 12**
11. **T / F** Delly cooks and cleans for Katniss. **FALSE - Greasy Sae does.**
12. **T / F** Peeta returns and brings her evening primrose bushes to plant in remembrance of Prim. **TRUE**
13. **T / F** Prim’s cat, Buttercup, comes back, looking for Prim. **TRUE**
14. **T / F** Gale and Thom are in charge of rebuilding district 12, and begin by burying the dead in the Meadow. **FALSE - JUST THOM (Not Gale)**
15. **T / F** Katniss copes with her grief by starting a memory scrapbook. **TRUE**
16. **T / F** In the end, Katniss chooses Peeta because he is the only one who can provide her hope that life can be good again. **TRUE**
Chapters 26-27 Questions

1. How does Prim die? She is killed when she goes to help the children who were injured in the first round of exploding silver parachutes and the second round goes off.

2. What type of injury has Katniss survived? Severe burns.

3. How does she describe her skin? She compares it to a patch-work quilt (page 352) because it’s been grafted and pieced back together with the new skin.

4. What does President Snow tell Katniss in the rose garden? That he is sorry about Prim and thought her death unnecessary; that he was not the one who dropped the parachutes (if he had a hovercraft, he’d have used it to escape--Boggs had told Katniss this previously). She realizes Coin was the one who orchestrated the bombs & made sure Prim was one of the medics.

5. Who does Katniss try to talk to after hearing this from President Snow? Haymitch

6. Why is she unable to talk to this person? He makes fun of her having boy troubles, so she runs away from him. Then it’s execution day, so there’s no privacy to talk to him before she has to kill Snow.

7. President Coin has the surviving victors vote for what? A final Hunger Games for the Capitol children.

8. How does Katniss vote? She votes yes, for Prim. But in her mind, she is voting no, not wanting to repeat the same mistakes of the past.

9. What happens at President Snow’s execution? Katniss kills President Coin instead, then tries to kill herself, but Peeta stops her. Snow dies either from choking on his own blood or being trampled by the crowd.

10. Why did Katniss execute that person? She did it because she knows that Coin will be no different than Snow.

11. What is her punishment? To be locked in her old training room quarters (and they are weening her off the morphling)

12. What is the “unexpected” activity she finds herself doing while waiting? Singing

13. Where is she sent after her trial? back to district 12

14. Who comes with her? Haymitch

15. Why isn’t her mother returning with her? She can’t bare it; she is staying in district 4 to start up a hospital

16. Who cooks & cleans for her? Greasy Sae

17. What kind gesture of Peeta’s makes Katniss tremble with weakness and force her to confront her old fears? He dug up an evening primrose bush to plant outside her home to remind her of Prim, but it reminds her of the rose President Snow left in her bedroom.

18. What is Thom’s job? To collect the dead bodies, cart them to the meadow, and bury them.

19. Who returns from district 13 looking for Prim? Buttercup

20. How does it help Katniss cope with her loss? She is finally able to grieve properly and let it all out. They are able to comfort each other. All her anger and built-up emotions tumble out.

21. What kind of book does Katniss begin and Haymitch and Peeta contribute to? A memory scrapbook of all the people they loved and knew - with pictures Peeta draws and memories Haymitch contributes of past tributes he mentored and people he knew. Like a “We Remember” on paper.

22. Why does she choose the person she does in the end? She chooses Peeta because he represents hope and goodness; Gale is too much like herself, allowing his anger to build up. And she can never forget that he may have been responsible for Prim’s death.

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Epilogue
1. Who plays in the Meadow? Peeta & Katniss’s children: a girl and a boy
Read the words to the “Meadow” song (the one she sang to Rue as Rue died in the 74th Games). Then answer question #2.

Deep in the meadow, under the willow  
A bed of grass, a soft green pillow  
Lay down your head, and close your sleepy eyes  
And when again they open, the sun will rise.

Here’s it’s safe, here it’s warm  
Here the daisies guard you from every harm  
Here your dreams are sweet and tomorrow brings  
them true  
Here is the place where I love you.

2. How has the meaning of the “meadow” in the song changed? The meadow is now a graveyard for the victims of the district 12 bombing. But yet, they are finally safe—in death—from oppression. Now her children do play safely, just as she imagined for Peeta’s children in Catching Fire.

3. What does Katniss do to cope on bad days? She remembers all the acts of goodness she has seen anyone do & it helps her get through it—reinforcing that there is good in our world, that all is not hopeless or evil, like her past.

4. Which “games” is she referring to in the last line? The Hunger Games

#5-7 are opinion questions & answers will vary

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<td>President Snow’s blood &amp; roses smell</td>
<td>Meant to put fear in Katniss, unnerve her. He will get revenge. We also learn he tries to mask the blood smell, which represents the poison he has used to rise to power.</td>
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<td>Crazy Cat game</td>
<td>As Katniss says on page 153, Crazy Cat is a metaphor for her situation. She is Buttercup, the cat. Peeta is the light that she can never obtain. Snow is the controller of the light, putting it so far out of her reach and leaving it on. And if the light goes out, eventually she forgets it was even there. So Crazy Cat is a symbol of Katniss’s feelings of helplessness. She’s not in control and allows others to drive her crazy or insane.</td>
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<td><strong>Hanging Tree song</strong></td>
<td>“The Hanging Tree” is a song about an accused man (accused of murder) who is being executed, but urging his true love to die with him because death would be better than life at this point in their lives. The song is a symbol of the lives of the district citizens and how they have been forced to murder others (war) and realize death (or dying for a cause) will offer more peace than life.</td>
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<td><strong>Rebel propos</strong></td>
<td>The propos are devices used to influence the district citizens. Propaganda is used to persuade and the rebels are no different than others who use the medium to convince the masses to act in a certain way. In their case, they are trying to get the people to join in their fight to overthrow President Snow and form a new republic. It is ironic then that Katniss, as the star of the propos, is the one who recognizes that they were just devices to manipulate the people so President Coin could take over Panem.</td>
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<td><strong>Real/Not Real?</strong></td>
<td>The “real or not real” game that Peeta uses to know if something is real or something the Capitol fabricated represents truth and reality in our lives.</td>
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<td><strong>Capitol pods</strong></td>
<td>The Capitol pods represent fear, torture,</td>
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<td><strong>Nightlock pills</strong></td>
<td>The pills alone represent the poisonous berries Katniss used to dupe the Gamemakers into allowing both Peeta and herself to live in the 74th Hunger Games. They represented rebellion against the Capitol. But in <em>Mockingjay</em>, the pills become of symbol of euthanasia (painless killing to ease into death--referred to as “assisted suicide,” and used for terminally ill patients). But the suicide would be to avoid capture and torture by Peacemakers/President Snow.</td>
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<td><strong>Silver parachute</strong></td>
<td>In the past, the silver parachute represented gifts of sustenance: life. But in <em>Mockingjay</em>, they become the rebel's weapons of war, tricking the people into believing President Snow was behind the murders of the innocent children and medics in order for the rebels to take control. President Coin knew Katniss would be heading to the mansion to kill Snow. So by sending Primrose in as an underage medic, she was trying to make sure Katniss would be there, and perhaps have the opportunity to kill them both. And if not, she could at least guarantee Katniss would be completely broken (mentally) by her sister's death. Of course, what Snow did not anticipate was Katniss learning the truth.</td>
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<td><strong>President Coin</strong></td>
<td>Her name is significant: a coin has two faces; so does President Coin. On one face, she is the rebel leader bringing freedom from tyranny to the districts. The other face shows her true self: a power-hungry tyrant herself, willing to kill anyone to gain power over all of Panem.</td>
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| **Dandelion** | The dandelion symbolized hope in the first book; when Katniss saw the dandelion after her eyes met Peeta’s on the schoolyard, she realized she could harvest them (and other edible plants) so her family could survive. It meant life.  
In *Mockingjay*, Katniss realizes that Peeta is the dandelion—her hope for life, for a future. Gale has always represented war, rage, hatred, the flames of rebellion. She realizes that she already possesses those qualities and doesn’t really care for them in herself, so she knows she needs Peeta to put out those flames and give her hope to live and move on. |
| **the Meadow** | The meadow in district 12 symbolizes both death (used as a burial for the citizens who were killed in the bombing) and a better life—a safe place to raise children. Katniss found it a haven and hiding place growing up. |

**Use Higher Level Questioning for Class Discussions...**

**Socratic questioning techniques - building deep-level critical thinking**

1. **Getting Students to clarify their thinking** e.g. 'Why do you say that?', 'Could you explain further?'

2. **Challenging students about assumptions** e.g. 'Is this always the case?', 'Why do you think that this assumption holds here?'

3. **Evidence as a basis for argument** e.g. 'Why do you say that?', 'Is there reason to doubt this evidence?'

4. **Alternative viewpoints and perspectives** e.g. 'What is the counter argument for?', 'Can/did anyone see this another way?'

5. **Implications and consequences** e.g. 'But if what happened, what else would result?', 'How does...affect...?'

6. **Question the question** e.g. 'Why do you think that I asked that question?', 'Why was that question important?', 'Which of your questions turned out to be the most useful?'

**Materials for reviewing for the final test are found in the *Mockingjay* final test file.**

Enrichment activities:
• See Acts of Goodness activity (free download)

• Create a Memory Book like Katniss’s

• See Project Challenges (in unit download & CD)
  http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Mockingjay-Research-Creative-Projects-Hunger-Games-Trilogy

• Supplemental Handouts (in unit download & CD)
  http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Mockingjay-Supplemental-Handouts-Hunger-Games-Trilogy

Alternative discussion questions by Scholastic Books:
The Hunger Games Trilogy Discussion Guide

Find an answer key here:
http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Mockingjay-Hunger-Games-Discussion-Questions-Teachers-Guide-Key

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