



THE HUNGER GAMES: COSTUME SYMBOLISM

In *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins, the tributes wear elaborate outfits for the events before and after the games. Katniss understands that Cinna’s outfit designs are more than meets the eye—the fancy clothes are symbolic, sending a hidden message for everyone watching all across Panem.

In the table below, jot down notes from the story about the outfits Katniss wore to each of the following events or locations and the meaning of each outfit.

Opening Ceremonies	
Pre-Games Interview	
Arena	
Post-Games Interview	

Design a new costume for both Katniss and Peeta to wear after they have won the Hunger Games. Use the prompts below to plan the details of the outfits, and then illustrate the costumes on the following page.

- **Who will be the target audience?** You might choose to send a message to President Snow, the Capitol citizens, people in the districts, or someone else.
- **What message will you try to send?** You might want to convey a sense of innocence, rebellion, survival, love, or some other message.
- **What symbols from the story will you include in the outfits?** You might choose to include fire, berries, mockingjays, or another symbol or motif from the story.
- **What other details in the outfits will have hidden meanings?** You might include specific colors, shapes, fabrics, or accessories that each have their own meaning.



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In the space below, illustrate the new costumes for Katniss and Peeta. Then, use the lines provided to share a short message about the symbolism behind the outfits.

Katniss	Peeta
