



THE HUNGER GAMES: DISCUSSION GUIDE #2



CHAPTERS 5-6

Comprehension:

- What can you tell about the importance of physical appearances in the Capitol based on the information in Chapter 5? How is this different from District Twelve?
- Who is Cinna? How is he different from the other Capitol citizens Katniss has met?
- We know that District 12's principal industry is coal. What are the principal industries of some of the other districts that we learn about in Chapters 5 and 6?
- Describe the crowd's reaction to Katniss and Peeta at the opening ceremonies.
- Describe Effie Trinket.
- What is an Avox?
- How does Katniss know the redheaded Avox?

Analysis:

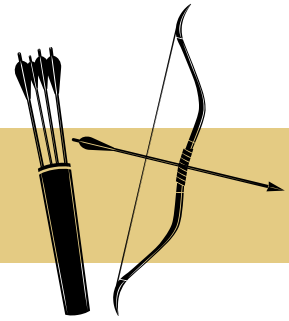
- What do Venia's, Flavius's, and Octavia's comments reveal about how Capitol citizens view the districts? And what do Katniss's inner thoughts reveal about how district citizens view the Capitol? Give specific text evidence to support your answer.
- What does the presence of Avoxes in the Capitol reveal about Panem?
- How does the author build tension in Chapter 6? Give specific examples of language that helps create this feeling in the chapter.

Personal:

- Think of the region where you live. What do you think your costume in the opening ceremonies would look like based on your area's main industry?



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CHAPTERS 7-9

Comprehension:

- What does the conversation at breakfast reveal about Katniss and Peeta?
- Explain what happened at Katniss's private session with the Gamemakers. What does this reveal about Katniss's personality?
- How does the rest of the team react when they find out about what Katniss did in her private session?
- What score does Katniss get from the Gamemakers? What does this mean?
- How does the new information about Gale in Chapter 8 influence the reader's understanding of the relationship between Gale and Katniss?
- How does Cinna help Katniss with her interview strategy?
- Who is Caesar Flickerman, and what is he like?

Analysis:

- *The Hunger Games* is narrated in the first-person point of view from Katniss's perspective. Explain how this first-person narration affects the reader's understanding of the conversation at breakfast in Chapter 7. How would this scene be different if it were told from a third-person perspective?
- Using evidence from the text, compare and contrast the beauty standards in the Capitol with those in District 12. How are the Capitol's beauty standards similar to or different from our own society?
- In Chapter 9, Katniss says that "trust will only be a weakness." What do you think she means by this? What does it indicate about her character? Give evidence from the text to support your answer.
- Compare and contrast Katniss's relationships with both Gale and Peeta.

Personal:

- Cinna tells Katniss, "No one can help but admire your spirit," helping Katniss realize that even though she may not be friendly or charming, people like her because she's brave and a fighter. Think of someone you know or a fictional character outside of *The Hunger Games*. What do you admire about that person that they might not see in themselves? What kind of "spirit" do they have?