



# THE HUNGER GAMES: DISCUSSION GUIDE #3



## CHAPTERS 10–11

### Comprehension:

- What effect does Peeta's declaration of love have on the Capitol audience?
- Why does Katniss respond the way she does after the interviews?
- What insights or advice about the Games does Haymitch share with Katniss and Peeta? How will this be important in the arena?
- Describe the landscape in the arena.
- Describe Katniss's conflicting emotions when she realizes that Peeta has survived the first day.
- What wakes Katniss up the first night in the arena? Why is Katniss mad about it?

### Analysis:

- Is Peeta's confession of love real or a manipulation? Give evidence from the text to support your answer.
- Peeta says the following on the roof the night before the Games: "I want to die as myself . . . I don't want them to change me in there. Turn me into some kind of monster that I'm not." How might his comments be seen as rebellious?
- After Katniss describes how the arenas of past Hunger Games are used as historic sites, the author includes a single sentence: "They say the food is excellent." What device is this an example of, and what is its effect?
- Describe the Cornucopia. What do cornucopias represent in our world? What does it represent in the Games?

### Personal:

- Just before Katniss goes into the arena, Cinna returns the gold mockingjay pin for Katniss to wear as her district token. We also learn that the girl from District One wasn't allowed her district token—a ring that could be used as a weapon. What item from your own life would you choose as your district token? Why would you choose it?



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## CHAPTERS 12-13



### Comprehension:

- Why do the Career Tributes keep Peeta around?
- How does Katniss's knowledge that the cameras are always watching her influence her decisions in the arena? Give a specific example from the text.
- How is dehydration affecting Katniss?
- Describe some of Katniss's survival skills that help her in the arena.
- How is the fire that wakes Katniss up at the end of chapter 12 different from the fire that woke her the first night?
- How does Katniss escape from the Careers when they find her resting in the pond? How has her experience back in District Twelve prepared her? What surprising advantage does Katniss have over the Careers in this situation?

### Analysis:

- Katniss is desperate for water and remembers that Haymitch could send her a bottle of water from a sponsor. Yet he doesn't. Explain how Katniss's relationship with Haymitch helps her in the arena.
- Give a few examples of manipulations in the arena so far. Who is manipulating whom, how, and for what purpose?
- Is Peeta's alliance with the Careers real or a manipulation? Justify your answer with reasons and examples.

### Personal:

- Alliances are a common part of reality TV shows. What are some examples of alliances from reality TV shows you've seen? What kinds of people make the best allies? What kinds of people make the worst allies?