## Unit 4: Dystopian Literature: *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins

## Reader Response Journal Questions

Select one question from each section to answer in a reader response journal. Each answer must be a well-developed paragraph full of details.

**Chapter 1**

1. Would you like to live in District 12? Explain

2. How is Panem an "oppressive" country?

3. Do you think there are places like Panem on earth today?

**Chapter 2**

1. Do you think Katniss' anger towards her mother is justified?

2. How might Katniss' only previous encounter with Peeta affect her during the games?

**Chapter 3**

1. What do you think Gale wanted Katniss to remember? Do you think they might be more than "just friends"?

**Chapter 4**

1. Why do think Haymitch drinks so much? Why has he let himself go?

**Chapter 5**

1. How are the people of the Capitol different from those who live in the districts?

2. Why do think they are different?

**Chapter 6**

1. Why is Kat ashamed of not helping the boy and girl who were being chased by the Capitol hovercraft?

2. How is her current situation similar?

**Chapter 7**

1. What do you think Peeta meant when he said, "She has no idea. The effect she can have"?

2. What kind of score would you give Katniss if you were a Gamemaker?

**Chapter 8**

1. What do Kat's fears reveal about her personality?

**Chapter 9**

1. How does Kat initially feel about Peeta's request to train separately? What does this reveal about her?

**Chapter 10**

1. Is Peeta's crush real, or is it just part of his strategy?

2. What do you think is the importance of the gold pin Madge gave to Katniss? Will it help her in some way? What does it represent or symbolize?

**Chapter 11**

1. Is it savage to watch people kill each other on television? What does the popularity of the Hunger Games say about the people who watch it?

2. Compare the Games to our reality television today. Are there some similarities? What does the popularity of some reality television shows say about our society?

3. Why do you think Peeta joined the Career Tributes?

**Chapters 12 to 13**

No Discussion Questions.

**Chapter 14**

1. Why do you think Rue helps Katniss?

2. Why do you think Peeta saved Katniss?

**Chapter 15**

1. The punishment for eating crops in District 11 is public whipping. Is this fair? Can you think of any punishments in our society that are unduly harsh?

**Chapter 16**

1. Rue loves music more than anything else. Why do you think music is so important to humans in general?

**Chapter 17**

No Discussion Questions.

**Chapter 18**

1. How is decorating Rue with flowers a sign of protest? What is she protesting? Why won't it be shown much on television?

2. Why do the Gamemakers change the rules?

**Chapter 19**

No Discussion Questions.

**Chapter 20**

1. Was it right to drug Peeta?

2. What would you have done if you were in Kat's position?

**Chapter 21**

1. What role does karma play in the games?

2. Do you believe karma plays a role in real life?

**Chapter 22**

1. Katniss suggests that Peeta can't understand some things because his family isn't as poor as hers or Gale's. If this fair? Do you think it is true?

2. Why is it important to consider things from other people's perspectives?

**Chapter 23**

1. When a person wins the lottery, their personality often changes. Why do think this happens?

2. Why is Katniss afraid of winning? Do you think she might change?

3. How might you change if you won the lottery and never had to work or go to school again?

**Chapters 24 to 27**

No Discussion Questions.