

HUNGER GAMES

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Directions: Consider the following discussion questions after finishing *Hunger Games*. If you feel inclined post your responses, or pose your own question to the discussion question in our Discord channel under the YAS Box channel. Questions? Email carly@wwcrl.org.

1. How does Katniss feel about the country of Panem? Why does she need to make her face “an indifferent mask” and be careful what she says in public?
2. In 1848, Karl Marx wrote in *The Communist Manifesto*, “The history of all hitherto existing society is the history of class struggles.” Discuss this statement as it applies to the society and government of Panem. Do you believe there is any chance to eradicate class struggles in the future?
3. Before the Games start, Peeta tells Katniss, “. . . 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.” ” (p. 141) What does this tell you about Peeta? What does he fear more than death? Is he able to stay true to himself during the Games?
4. What do you think about the character Haymitch? Cinna? Katniss’s mother Carine?
5. Violence as entertainment plays a large part in *The Hunger Games*, and the novel itself is both violent and entertaining. What shocked you most about the book? What important points do you think the author makes about violence and its effects on society? Violence in the media? Violence and children?
6. What do you think is the cruelest part of the *Hunger Games*? Can you see parallels between these Games and the society that condones them, and other related events and cultures in the history of the world?
7. Are there other books that reminded you of *Hunger Games*? Would you recommend them?
8. Were there any passages or scenes that you remember well or particularly liked?
9. Would you recommend this novel to a friend? Do you want to read the sequels?
10. Are there any questions you would like to ask?

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