**Hunger Games Vocabulary**

1. apothecary – a health professional trained in the art of preparing and dispensing drugs.
2. reaping – to harvest
3. paraffin – a white or colorless, tasteless, odorless solid solution that coms from petroleum using candles and seals.
4. meager – lacking in quantity and quality
5. racketeers – people engaged in dishonest business, trick or activity
6. sustenance – the method of supporting life and nourishment
7. tribute – a gift, testimonial, or compliment given in honor or thanks to something
8. repentance – deep sorrow of a past wrong doing
9. synonymous – meaning the same thing
10. tenuous – lacking sound judgment
11. insurmountable – incapable of being overcome
12. anti-climactic – an event, conclusion, or statement that is far less important than expected
13. sanctioned - approved or given permission by an authority
14. demeanor – conduct or behavior
15. inexplicable – something that cannot be explained
16. oblivious – unaware, unconscious, forgetful
17. mediocre – average, ordinary
18. banal - empty of freshness or originality
19. surly – unfriendly or hostile
20. anecdote – a short account of an event or incident usually humorous in nature
21. canvas – a piece of material used to paint
22. delicacy – something delightful or pleasing (usually associated with food)
23. iridescent -displaying a variety of colors like those of a rainbow
24. mimic – to imitate or copy in action
25. prey – an animal hunted or seized for food
26. rant – to speak or talk in a wild manner
27. utopia – a perfect society
28. dystopia – a place that is the complete opposite of a utopia. A society where everything is negative



| CHARACTERS | WHO IS THIS PERSON? | WHAT HE/SHE LOOKS& ACTS LIKE | Notable Quotes/THOUGHTS/ACTIONS |
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| **Katniss Everdeen** | **Narrator; 16 year old girl who lives in the Seam of district 12. Sister to Prim. Female tribute for district 12.** | **She hunts illegally, has long dark hair, darker complexion, excellent with bow & arrow, very defensive, has had a hard life.** | **Girl on fire, can sing beautifully but chooses not to, shoots arrow at Gamemakers, becomes district 12 victor.** |
| **Primrose Everdeen** | **Katniss’ younger sister, name is called at reaping. She is 12.** | **Blond, light (or blue) eyes, looks more like her mom than Katniss; is healer like her mom.** | **Loves animals, is kind/gentle. Has a cat (Buttercup & goat (Lady). Is loved by all.** |
| **Mr. Everdeen** | **Katniss’ dad who died in a coal mine explosion.** | **Dark hair, dark complexion, was raised in the Seam. Beautiful voice.** | **Taught Katniss how to hunt, swim, find edible plants.** |
| **Mrs. Everdeen** | **Katniss’ mom, went into deep depression after her husband died.** | **Blond, light (or blue) eyes, could not take care of the girls, is a healer--people take their sick to her, can use herbs to create medicine.** |  |
| **Gale Hawthorne** | **Katniss’ hunting partner, from the Seam, 18 years old. Very bitter toward the Capitol.** | **Is defensive like Katniss--hard to open up to. Very good looking: dark hair, darker complexion. Has younger brothers. Oldest child who also lost his dad in same coal mine explosion. Excellent at setting snares & traps.** | **Calls Katniss “Catnip” because he thought that’s what she said her name was the first time they met. Takes his anger at the Capitol out on Madge.** |
| **Peacekeepers** | **Basically like law enforcement officers to keep the “peace.”** | **District 12 Peacekeepers are much more lax than other districts.** |  |
| **Effie Trinket** | **District 12 chaperone for the Hunger Games tributes. From the Capitol.** | **Pink hair, make-up, has that “Capitol” look (like fake or plastic). Vary annoying voice.** | **“May the odds be ever in your favor.”** |
| **Haymitch Abernathy** | **The only living district 12 victor, which means he’s the mentor for the tributes each year.** | **Drunk, middle aged, he was the victor in the 50th Hunger Games (this is the year of the 74th). Rough, crude, tells it like it is.** | **Calls Katniss “Sweetheart.” Advice to the tributes is to “stay alive.” Says to Katniss: “You’ve got as much personality as a dead slug.”** |
| **Peeta Mellark** | **The district 12 male tribute, baker’s son, in love with Katniss.** | **Blond hair that falls in waves over his forehead, medium height, stocky build, would do anything for Katniss, has a kind, gentle heart, strong, great wrestler, does not want to kill anyone.** | **Saved Katniss’ life by burning two loaves of bread & giving them to her (even though he got a beating for it); was willing to die for her in the arena; declared his love for her to help save her life.** |
| **Gamemakers** | **The group of men & women who score the tributes, decide on the arena, & make the plans for the interventions within the Games (like the fireballs).** | **Act like they are disinterested in the tributes--don’t see them as real people. Wear long robes.** | **Katniss shoots an arrow at them during her private session because they weren’t paying attention to her.** |
| **Cinna** | **Katniss’ stylist.** | **Dark hair, wears black, looks more normal than the other Capitol people. Soft spoken.** | **Gives Katniss her slogan, “the girl who was on fire.”** |
| **Avox girl** | **Girl who Katniss saw in the woods who was fleeing the Capitol.** | **Red hair, can’t speak because she has had her tongue cut by the Capitol. Is now a slave in the Capitol.** | **She is assigned to wait on Katniss; Katniss could have tried to save her before she was captured, but Katniss didn’t.** |
| **Caesar Flickerman** | **The host of the interviews (before & after the Games). Has hosted for over 40 years.** | **Pure white makeup, same hairstyle but died powder blue, eyelids & lips are powder blue; his appearance has not changed (or he has not aged) in the 40 years he’s been hosting.** | **Makes his guests feel comfortable & helps them along the interview.** |
| **Rue** | **District 11 tribute, only 12 years old.** | **Dark skin, can fly through the trees, very smart & resourceful, forms alliance with Katniss.** | **Scored a 7 in training. Warns Katniss of the tracker jacker nest. Dies in Katniss’ arms.** |
| **Thresh** | **District 11 tribute** | **Dark skin, giant (6½ feet tall), built like an ox, rejected invitations from the careers to join an alliance.** | **Makes it to the final 4 tributes, spares Katniss’ life (and saves her from Clove) because she was kind to Rue & killed the boy who killed Rue.** |
| **Foxface** | **District 5 tribute** | **Red hair, face like a fox. She is sly, like a fox & very resourceful.** | **Steals food from the Careers; is killed when she steals berries Peeta collected.** |
| **Cato** | **District 2 tribute - a Career tribute (male).** | **Huge boy, strong, makes it to the final 3, is jealous that Katniss scored higher than him in training session.** | **Is ripped apart from the wolf tributes; Katniss has to kill him to put him out of his misery.** |
| **Clove** | **District 2 tribute - a Career tribute (female).** | **Is an expert with a knife, larger girl--very strong.** | **Almost kills Katniss but is killed by Thresh.** |
| **Glimmer** | **District 1 tribute - Career** | **“Provocative.” Flowing blond hair, emerald green eyes, tall & lush body.** | **Is killed by the tracker jacker stings; Katniss gets her bow & arrows from her body before the hovercraft takes her away.** |
| **Claudius Templesmith** | **The announcer of the Games (NOT to be confused with Caesar)** | **His is the only voice the tributes hear while in the arena. He makes the announcements.** | **Announces that two tributes can win; then announces only one can; then announces both Katniss & Peeta are victors.** |
| **President Snow** | **The president of Panem.** | **Small, thin man with paper-white hair. Snakelike eyes.** | **Crowns Peeta & Katniss, but can tell he is ticked off at Katniss for her stunt with the berries.** |

**Hunger Games Discussion Questions**

1. The story is set in the future, so when Katniss references her ancestors, she is referring to us. What has happened to North America? How might we have contributed to the destruction of it?

2. Would you volunteer for your little sister (or brother, or older sibling, or friend)? Why or why not? What does it tell you about Katniss?

3. Would you join an alliance or play the game on your own? Why?