



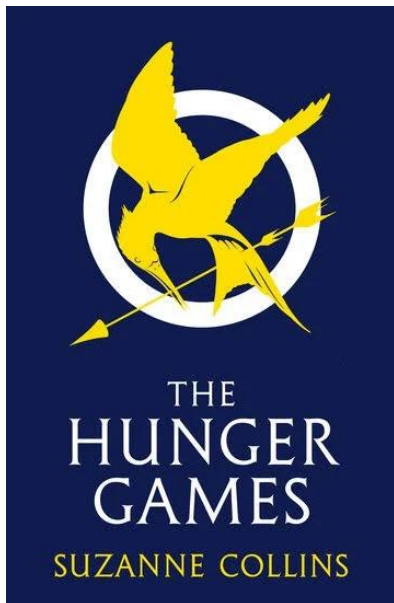
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## Book Talk

*The Hunger Games*

By Suzanne Collins

Number of pages: 374



Set in the future after a major civil war, society is divided into twelve poor, subservient districts that serve The Capitol, where the rich governing classes live.

As one of the measures to keep the districts suppressed, every year 24 children are selected as “tributes” to fight each other to the death in a televised battle. The book tells the story of Katniss Everdeen and the other tributes, and their fight for survival.

The book is the first in a trilogy that was adapted into films starring Jennifer Lawrence. There are also two prequels, *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes* and *Sunrise on the Reaping*. All the books have themes of war, politics, media control and rebellion.

We recommend this book if you enjoyed the *Divergent* series by Veronica Roth, or the *Maze Runner* series by James Dashner.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Should Katniss have left with Gayle at the beginning of the book?
2. What do you think you would do in Katniss’s position at the Reaping ceremony?
3. What did you think of The Capitol?
4. How did you feel about the way Katniss behaved with Peeta, knowing how he felt about her?
5. Which, if any, of the characters did you feel was behaving genuinely?
6. Do you see any parallels with the society in this book and our own society?

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