

Hunger Games Discussion

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1. How quickly did you read *The Hunger Games*?

- Alex: Two days
- Brigitte: Two weeks
- Dani: One day
- Amanda: Three days
- Chad: One Day

2. Why do you think the courage of a teenager can/cannot make an impact on society?

Amanda: I think that the courage of a teenager can definitely make an impact on society, but not at the rate that Katniss' courage did. I think something like that would have less of an effect on the people, especially with how strict the Capitol was- you'd think people would be a little more conscious on rebelling.

3. Did your perception of Peeta change over the course of *The Hunger Games*?

4. Why do you think fire is an appropriate symbol for Katniss?

- No, because fire is outlandish and destructive and she is more sneaky. Should be something disaster that sneaks up on you and you don't have time to know it's going to happen but it's really destructive. Like an earthquake.
- Amanda: I think fire is definitely an appropriate symbol for Katniss because while I agree that she is very sneaky, I also think she has a lot of built up anger and hatred inside of her because of the horrible events that have occurred and circumstances that she has been placed in in her life. I think her attitude towards people and situations was very well represented by fire, easily.

5. Do you think the glamorization of the Games and the treatments of its stars before they are sent off to die is a reflection of anything in our modern society?

- I think it could be compared to boxing or fighting
- Cheering at a football game when they announce beforehand that a troop is being sent out to Iraq
- Pledging in a fraternity, celebrate these people that are accepted and show off how amazing their house is, then once they are in they have to go through pledging and torture
- Livestock show, put all the animals on display and people bid on them but only to use for meat or milk or to breed

6. What was the most tension-filled moment for you to read in *The Hunger Games*?

Catching Fire?

7. What do you think the title *Mockingjay* foreshadows for the final book in the trilogy?

-The book stated numerous times the purpose of the mockingjay being created and how it was a failed attempt made by the Capitol, so seeing the 3rd book being called the Mockingjay sort of made me believe that the Capitol would be failing or being made fun of.

8. Do you think Katniss will be able to choose and keep love or will she have to make the ultimate sacrifice?

9. What do you think is in District 13?

- Nothing, it is just an area that had been destroyed to symbolize what happened in the war.

10. Rate *The Hunger Games* and *Catching Fire* 1 to 5.

- Dani: 5
 - Alex: 4
 - Brigitte: 4
 - Amanda: Hunger Games- 3.5, Catching Fire 5
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- The book was poorly written so why was it so addicting? What made us want to keep reading so badly?
 - Seeing the movie: Watching the movie for Brigitte before reading the last two have put a new picture of the characters in her head so it will be interesting to see for her whether that changes her reading experience at all.
 - Seeing the movie (Amanda): I think the movie was atrocious, honestly. I thought it was an awful attempt at covering the story line of the book. Although the first book of the trilogy was not my favorite, there were definite parts in it that I believed were super important, especially for the rest of the series, that were not explained or shown in the movie at all (for example: 1) the avoxs and the story of Katniss recognizing the avox when she first arrives at the Capitol, 2) Haymitch and Katniss' relationship being underdeveloped- very little signs of how much they actually disliked each other, not much shown about how they had an understanding while in the arena, Haymitch was not as drunk as he was explained to be all the time, 3) Gale and Katniss' relationship was overdeveloped- Gale was being shown as more of a boyfriend to Katniss rather than her friend- the movie made it seem as if she was cheating on Gale with Peeta while in the arena, 4) Rue and Katniss' relationship was underdeveloped- it seemed sort of creepy how Katniss was

so attached to her when she died in the movie. Also the movie didn't capture how Rue reminded Katniss of Prim and that's why she was so attached to her, 5) Cinna and Katniss' relationship was underdeveloped, seemed sort of weird when he kissed her on the forehead before she went into the arena when in the book it was completely normal and almost calming, and 6) The end of the book did not end how the movie did. Peeta and Katniss were not shown to be nearly as injured as they actually were- Peeta did not have a fake leg, and the movie didn't explain how Katniss was faking the relationship with Peeta for the gifts in order to win. It also didn't show how he caught on to that at the end and was very mad/upset about it.

-Overall, I think the movie was such a disappointment and a lot of key points for later in the trilogy were not explained well in the first movie.