

Catching Fire



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VOICETEXT Yes

LEXILE LEVEL 820L

GRADE EQUIVALENT 7

OVERVIEW

Against all odds, Katniss Everdeen has won the annual *Hunger Games* with fellow district tribute Peeta Mellark. But it was a victory won by defiance of the Capitol and their harsh rules. Katniss and Peeta should be happy. After all, they have just won for themselves and their families a life of safety and plenty. But there are rumors of rebellion among the subjects, and Katniss and Peeta, to their horror, are the faces of that rebellion. The Capitol is angry. The Capitol wants revenge. Suzanne Collins continues the amazing story of Katniss Everdeen in this second novel of the phenomenal *Hunger Games* trilogy.

AUTHOR INFORMATION

Suzanne Collins is the author of the groundbreaking *Hunger Games* trilogy for young adults: *The Hunger Games*, *Catching Fire*, and *Mockingjay*. She is also the author of the picture book *Year of the Jungle*, a *Publishers Weekly* best book of the year, and the *New York Times* bestselling *Underland Chronicles* series for middle grade readers, which started with *Gregor the Overlander*. Suzanne lives with her family in Connecticut.

BACKGROUND KNOWLEDGE REQUIRED

- Recap of *Hunger Games* video

VOCABULARY

- leached (*verb*): drained away by water
- precariously (*adverb*): not securely held in position
- exorbitant (*adj*): unreasonably high
- inconsequential (*adj*): unimportant or insignificant
- decrees (*noun*): official orders from a legal authority
- besotted (*adj*): strongly infatuated
- prophetic (*adj*): predicting what will happen in the future
- imperceptible (*adj*): unable to be perceived
- ambiguous (*adj*): unclear, not exact or specific
- catatonic (*adj*): immobile or unresponsive

LITERARY DEVICES

Setting

- Katniss returns to District 12, where everything has changed. Thanks to the win of Katniss and Peeta, more interest, money, goods, gifts, legalities, and positive things have come to the district. Katniss' role in society has also changed, making her the object of appreciation, respect, and power within her home.

Symbolism/Imagery

- Katniss wore the mockingjay pin when she first entered the arena. Since then, she has been associated with the mockingjay. The mockingjay is used over and over throughout the book. What does it represent, and does it represent different things at different times?

Conflict

- Now that Katniss and Peeta have overcome the *Hunger Games* and survived, they must now re-enter the arena, and only one of them can survive.

SUPPORTING MEDIA (graphic novels, movies, video clips)

- Catching Fire* movie and movie trailer

COMMON CORE BIG IDEAS

- Apply strategies including making complex predictions, interpreting character behaviors, and comparing and contrasting.
- Interpret literary elements and devices including setting,

WAYS TO HELP DIVERSE LEARNERS

- Use audiobooks for learners who have a print-based disability
- Use different forms of media to provide background information before commencing the reading of the novel (see videos listed)
- Students with LD's can work on graphic organizers in pairs. One student with learning difficulties can be paired with a learner who is at grade level or higher.
- While building background information, provide multi-cultural examples for diverse learners

RESOURCES

Recap of *Hunger Games* video
www.shmoop.com/catching-fire