#### Suggested Essay Topics

1. Is Haymitch a good mentor to Katniss and Peeta? Explain.

2. In what ways does Katniss’s hunting experience prepare her for the Games, and in what ways does it fail to prepare her?

3. How does Katniss’s role in her family affect her behavior in the Games?

4. What is Katniss’s greatest strength in the Games, and what is her greatest weakness?

5. Science fiction often uses a futuristic setting to comment on the present day. What does *The Hunger Games* suggest about the present-day United States?

1. The presentation of the tributes seems to be greatly focused on visual presentation and looks — what does this reveal about the belief systems of the Capitol?
2. Compare and contrast life in the Capitol to life in District 12.