



THE HUNGER GAMES: CATCHING FIRE

Discuss...

Sympathy/Good Intentions

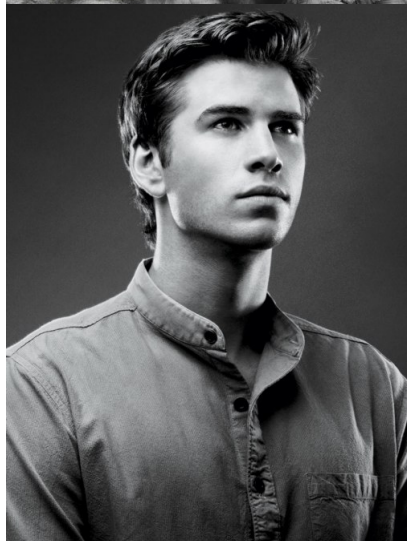
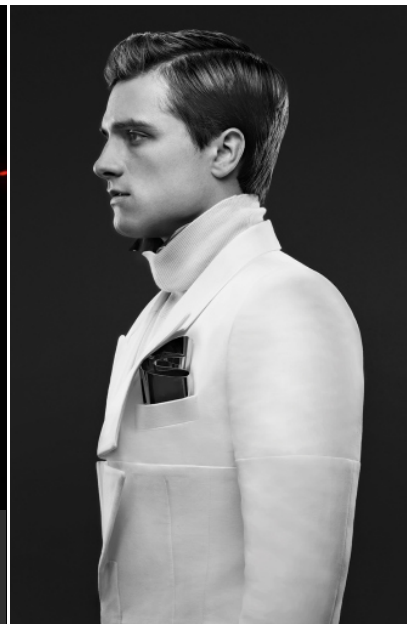
- Peeta offers to do the talking when they visit District 11 because that is the district that Katniss' friend, Rue, belongs to (Scene 4). What is sympathy? What are ways we can be sympathetic and mindful of those around us?
- Gale saves the elderly women from the wrath of the Peace Keeper. This leads to him being severely whipped (Scene 7). Why is it important to stand up for what is right, regardless of the consequences? How can we develop the courage to do so?

Agency/Decisions

- Because Katniss and Peeta were able to survive their Hunger Games based on their act of being in love, they are going to have to keep up that act for the rest of their lives (Scene 4). How can the decisions we make impact the rest of our lives? How does that change your decision-making process? What are important things to consider before making decisions?
- When Katniss is dancing with Plutarch, the new game maker, she expresses her disgust at the party. Plutarch responds, "Still if you can abandon your moral judgment it can be fun" (Scene 5). What is moral judgment? Why is it important to have?
- Katniss talks with Gale about running away together (Scene 6). What are the problems of being in a relationship with someone, but having feelings for someone else? What are the consequences of running away from the problem? Is running away ever a good option? Why is it important to think about how our actions will affect others?

Role Models/Mentors

- President Snow asks his granddaughter when she started wearing her hair in braids (like Katniss) (Scene 4). What is a role model? Who are some of your role models? What makes a good role model? What are the consequences of having a bad role model?
- Are you a role model to someone else? How does this affect how you act? Why is it important to be aware of how our actions could affect others?



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Marriage

- Katniss suggests that in order to convince everyone that their love story is real, they could get married. She says that it's going to have to happen eventually because of the lie they have created, so why not now? (Scene 4). What factors should be taken into consideration when making such a big decision? What could the consequences be of getting married for the wrong reasons? What are wrong/right reasons to get married?
- Why is it important to be fully committed to the decision to get married?
- Does deciding to marry someone affect your relationships with others? Should others be taken into consideration when making the decision to marry, or is it only up to the couple?

Self-Esteem/Self-Image

- At the party at the end of the tour, Peeta is offered a drink that makes them throw up so they can keep on eating to enjoy all the good food (Scene 5). What are the consequences of overindulging? Is there such thing as too much of a good thing? Is it okay to limit ourselves or go without? What are the consequences of eating disorders?
- Katniss blames herself for all the bad that is happening (Scene 6). Should you blame yourself for the actions of others or for things that are out of your control? What could the consequences be of constantly blaming yourself and taking responsibility for all the bad around you or in your relationships?
- What are the effects of constantly thinking about could have, should have, or would have?
- President Snow thinks all victors think they're invincible (Scene 8). What are the pros/cons of thinking you are invincible? Can this thinking get you into trouble or a dangerous situation?
- Haymitch calls Finnick a peacock (Scene 10). What is humility? Why is humility an important characteristic to develop? How do you develop humility?
- Cinna tells Katniss and Peeta to look straight ahead, as if the whole audience is beneath them (Scene 10). Is it okay to think you are better than others, or that other people are not worth your time? What are the consequences/effects of thinking this way?
- Cinna tells Katniss to go out there (to her interview) and show them what real beauty looks like (Scene 13). What is real beauty? What are some characteristics that make people beautiful (internal and external)?

Trust

- Haymitch encourages Katniss and Peeta to form alliances and develop trust with some of the other victors (Scene 10). What is trust? Why is trust important in relationships? How can you know if you can trust someone? What could the consequences be of trusting too soon? What about never being willing to trust at all? What does it take to rebuild trust?

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