



THE HUNGER GAMES

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Introduction & Meet the Author Activity

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR: SUZANNE COLLINS

Watch the interview with Suzanne Collins about her novel, *The Hunger Games* (2008), on the website:

www.scholastic.com/thehungergames/videos/suzanne-collins-message.htm

Answer the following questions:

Classical Inspiration (video: 1:46)

1. What story inspired her to create *The Hunger Games*? _____

2. What message did Crete give to the people of Athens? _____

3. How is the story inspired by Roman times? _____

Contemporary Inspiration (video 1:13)

4. How did Collins put a contemporary spin on *The Hunger Games*? _____

5. The games are required viewing not only for entertainment purposes, but what is the second (and most important reason) the citizens are required to view them? _____

Desensitization (video 1:20)

6. What is desensitization? (Not in video--answer from discussion) _____

7. Do you share Collins' fear that we are becoming desensitized to war and violence because we see it so often on TV? Why or why not? _____

Responses to the book (video :56)

8. Collins hopes that it does make people think about what they _____ in a more reflective way. What does this statement mean? _____

9. What are some of the themes of the book, according to Collins? _____

10. This book, more than anything else she has written, has depended upon the _____ experience.

Getting Personal (video 4:10)

11. List three things (or facts) about Suzanne Collins that interested you. _____

12. What three things would she take with her if she were on a deserted island? _____

13. What three things would YOU take if you were on a deserted island? _____

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TEACHER'S ANSWER KEY

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Classical Inspiration (video: 1:46)

1. What story inspired her to create *The Hunger Games*? **The Greek myth of Theseus & the Minotaur.**
2. What message did Crete give to the people of Athens? **If you mess with us, we'll do worse: we'll mess with your children.**
3. How is the story inspired by Roman times? **The Roman Gladiators**

Contemporary Inspiration (video 1:13)

4. How did Collins put a contemporary spin on *The Hunger Games*? **It's a reality TV show.**
5. The games are required viewing not only for entertainment purposes, but what is the second (and most important reason) the citizens are required to view them? **It is the yearly reminder that they had the nerve (audacity) to go against the Capitol.**

Desensitization (video 1:20)

6. What is desensitization? (Not in video--answer from discussion) **When we are over-exposed to sensitive material, we lose our compassion (sensitivity) toward it. (Dictionary definition: make (someone) less likely to feel shock or distress at scenes of cruelty, violence, or suffering by overexposure to such images)**
7. Do you share Collins' fear that we are becoming desensitized to war and violence because we see it so often on TV? Why or why not? **Answers will vary!**

Responses to the book (video :56)

8. Collins hopes that it does make people think about what they watch in a more reflective way. What does this statement mean? **Thinking about the show's meaning or message as you watch--or its consequences.**
9. What are some of the themes of the book, according to Collins? **Violence, hunger, romance, reality TV, survival**

10. This book, more than anything else she has written, has depended upon the **reader's own** experience. Getting Personal (video 4:10)
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matches, endless supply of water, and a survival book
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