



TEACHER'S GUIDE

THE HUNGER GAMES THEME, SETTING, AND SYMBOLISM GRAPHIC ORGANIZERS WITH MAP OF PANEM ACTIVITY

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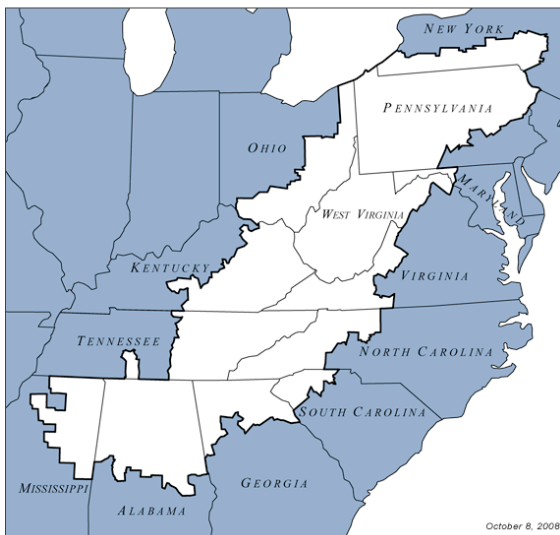
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SETTING - TEACHER'S GUIDE

SETTING	Describe when and where the story takes place.
Time Period	the future - hundreds of years from now
Place/Surroundings	what we know as North America
Panem	A new country made up of the capitol and 13 (now 12) districts
District 12	Where Katniss lives; Appalachian mountains, coal mining district
the Hob	An abandoned coal warehouse in the poor part of town where illegal sales of food (hunted animals) and other goods or services are sold.
the Seam	Where Katniss lives; this is the poor section of town (lower class), as opposed to the merchant class, Capitol employees class (Peacekeepers), then the victor class (in Victor Village).
Capitol	In the Rocky mountains; this is the upper class of people who are "free" and all the districts work to feed, clothe, and supply goods or service to the people of the capitol.

WHERE IS "APPALACHIA"?

The Appalachian Region



District 12 is located in the Appalachian mountains. The population is about 8,000 people. Where do you think District 12 is? • **Student's answers will vary - the author is not clear exactly where District 12 is.**

There is a clue in *Catching Fire* (book 2) that District 12 is in a colder climate than District 11. We know it snows there & winters are cold. But students reading *The Hunger Games* should not be expected to know this. Also, movie filming took place in North Carolina. I think it would be safe to say that it is located anywhere in the West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia, and Carolinas area.

Setting: District Industries & Occupations

Answers will vary on the district occupations graphs and questions. However, some are more telling:

District 1 with the castle...??? I have no idea what that means, but it makes me think of L.A.

Districts 2, 7, 10, and 12 all have skull and crossbones references. Creepy.

District 3 features gears and a factory, though its occupations seem to have more white-collar positions (which makes sense that they would be a “smart” or more intellectual district rather than manual labor-based).

District 5's features nuclear power, which indicates it's probably further east (most of the current nuclear power facilities are in the east. See links on my website.)

District 6 features trains and...hovercrafts? (They look like flying motorcycles). Most train stations (large ones) are also in the east.

District 9 is probably in Kansas, since it prominently displays wheat.

District 11 actually looks like corn, though it seemed as though orchards were more dominant (which is why I believed it would be in Georgia). It's also warmer than district 12, and corn is grown in the midwest, where it is cold. So I am confused about the corn on their seal. Besides, corn is a grain. Wouldn't that be in 9?

1 - Luxury - Goldsmith, Vintner, Furrier, Perfumer, Jeweler

(vintner is one who makes wine; furrier is one who prepares/deals furs)

2 - Masonry - Stonemason, Plasterer, Brick Mason, Brick Layer, Concrete Finisher

3 - Technology - Technician, Engineer, Tester, Technical Support, Assembly Operation, Assembly Operator

4 - Fishing - Canner, Trawler, Ship Captain, Deckhand, Longliner

(canner is one who cans the food to preserve it; trawling is fishing with a wide-mouth net; longliner is a fisherman who uses longlines)

5 - Power - Systems Analyst, Engineer, Equipment Manager, Maintenance, Plant Security Officer

6 - Transportation - Mechanic, Conductor, Porter, Baggage Handler, Router

(porter is person who carries luggage in a railroad station or hotel; conductor is a person in charge of a train or streetcar; router is someone who directs/organizes transportation)

7 - Lumber - Load Puller, Furniture Builder, Lead Climber, Carpenter, Lumberjack

8 - Textiles - Warehouse Manager, Weaver, Factory Worker, Designer, Dressmaker

9 - Grain - Plower, Cropper, Sower, Farmer, Harvester

10 - Livestock - Barn Manager, Milker, Rancher, Breeder, Butcher

11 - Agriculture - Sorter, Farmhand, Gardener, Harvester, Irrigator

12 - Coal Mining - Coal Miner, Metallurgist, Geologist, Surveyor, Blaster

(metallurgist is scientist who produces/purifies metal properties; scientist who studies earth's physical structure)

For the job sort, the occupations that may fall in the white collar seem to be:

D3: technician, engineer, tester, technical support; **D4:** ship captain; **D5:** systems analyst, engineer, equipment manager, plant security officer; **D6:** router; **D8:** warehouse manager, designer; **D10:** barn manager, breeder; **D12:** metallurgist, geologist, surveyor

See my updated map: <http://www.hungergameslessons.com/2011/01/my-updated-map-of-panem-hunger-games.html>

MAP OF PANEM

Panem (the former North America) consists of the Capitol city (located in the Rocky Mountains) and its 13 districts (although #13 has been destroyed). Try to locate where the capitol and each district might be located based on its industry. Some (like #12, coal mining in the Appalachian Mountains) may be more obvious than others.

Student answers will vary but they should have the following for sure:

1. District 12 in the Appalachian mountain area
2. The Capitol in the Rocky mountain area
3. District 4 near water
4. District 11 in an area that is farmable/orchards

Again, many of these are just speculation (some clues are given in *Catching Fire*, so it is not fair to expect students to know those). This assignment is more for fun. Students may want to present theirs to the class & explain why they placed each district where they did. Others could challenge one another in a debate over whose makes the most sense. I have a couple of theories, here is the first:

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PREVIOUS THEORY
See website for new information.

Reason for Placing Districts in These Locations:

Capitol: Rocky mountains

#1: Luxury items/diamond mining

#2: Graphite mining (in *Mockingjay* we learn that their actual industry is the Capitol's defense, including supplying a majority of the Peacekeepers. It is located in the Rockies--a series of villages--nearest the Capitol.)

#3: Electronics.

#4: It's by the ocean; but my second choice was near Gulf of Mexico

#5: Have no idea; however, in *Catching Fire* one of the unknown districts produced wheat (and it wasn't #11)

#6: Not certain, but perhaps morphling production; in *Catching Fire*, one of the districts Katniss & Peeta traveled to had "stinky refineries."

#7: Lumber/Trees (but perhaps it is further northeast into Canada, to keep all the districts on the east side of the Rockies to prevent a rebellion? Just a thought.)

#8: Textiles/Clothing-In CF it was a city with no grass, just textile production. Two people escape and flee near Dist. 12 after they caught a train to District 6 & jumped off before it got to District 6.

#9: Generates electricity?? There is very little in the book about district 9, including its industry.

#10: Raising livestock/cattle

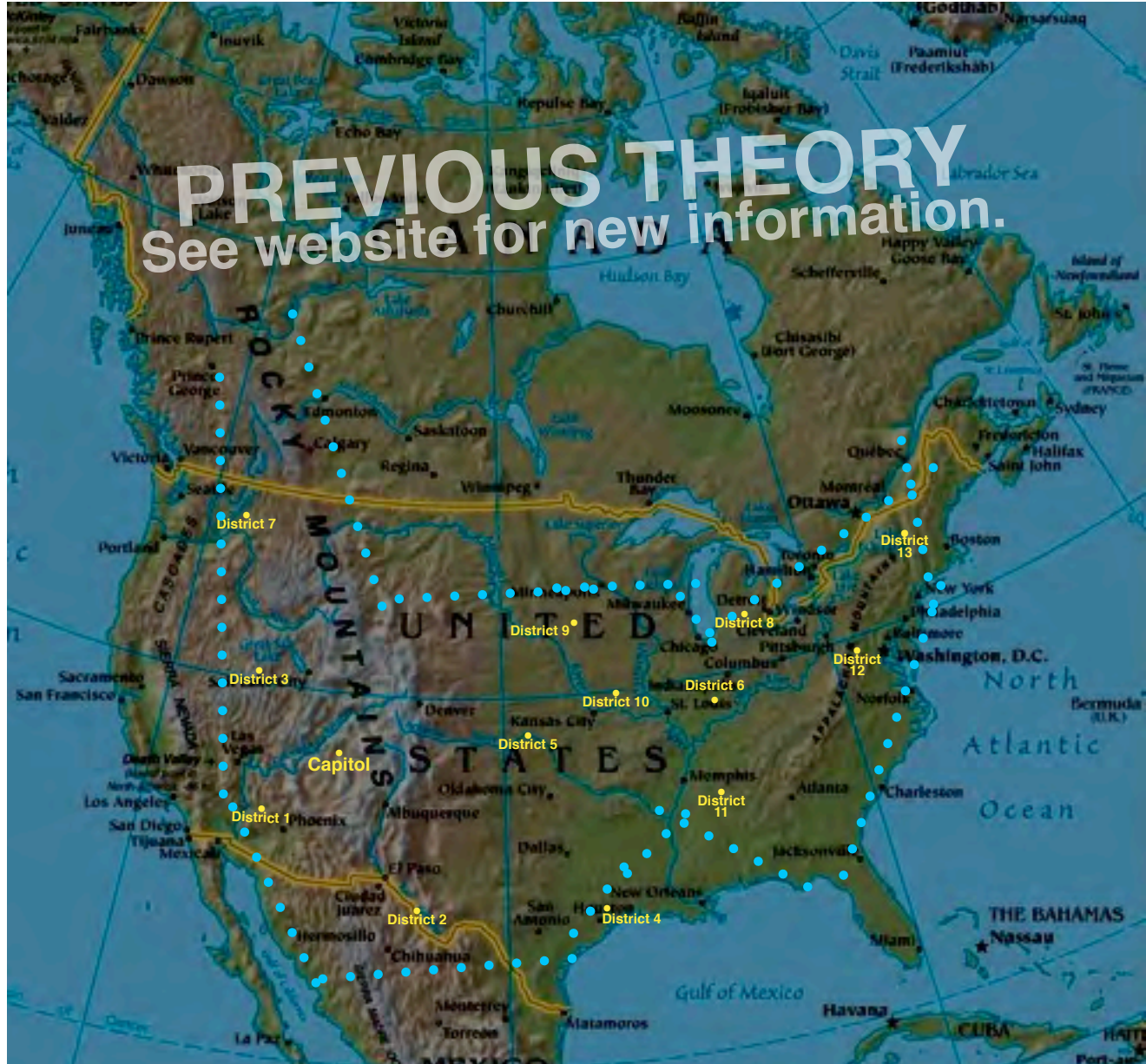
#11: Agriculture/Orchards (In *Catching Fire* Katniss commented how much warmer it was in Dist. 11 than Dist.12.)

#12: Coal mining/Appalachia

#13: Nuclear power/Graphite mining(We learn in *Mockingjay* that they have been sustaining themselves since the first rebellion, waiting to overtake the Capitol.



Here's another theory of mine. I'm not sure which one I prefer, but I do hope Suzanne Collins reveals more about it in the third book. It is fun to speculate & listen to the students' theories.



Based on context clues, here are some suggestions:

-On page 18: "...disasters... swallowed up so much of the land" and "...a shining Capitol ringed by thirteen districts..." clues that the present shape of North America has changed and the Capitol is in the center of the districts; and page 41 also offers some clues for the students to place district 12 & the Capitol.

In this model, the blue dots reflect the new coastlines & the Capitol is more "ringed" by the districts in this model. I'd love to hear other's suggestions! Visit my blog post about this and leave a comment: I have attached some maps (at the end of this document) that I found on the internet (and created myself, after deciding I didn't like these) with some interesting theories, also.

My Blog & Rationale for the placement of districts can be found here:

<http://www.hungergameslessons.com/2011/01/my-updated-map-of-panem-hunger-games.html>



This is my latest theory, although I would move district 9 into Kansas and district 6 closer to Washington D.C., perhaps (or Philadelphia, maybe). Rationale is on website.

SOCIAL SYSTEM OF PANEM - SUGGESTED RESPONSES

For questions 1-2, answers may vary based on their opinions. However, these should **not** be choices: America (capitalist); Chinese; Primitive Communism; Capitalist; or Renaissance Europe (however, without the Pope, it could be argued that it is similar.). Any society with nobility or papal rule would be out because Panem does not contain either. At least, we don't know if President Snow's position was nobility/hereditary, but it seems as though it isn't.

For #3, the author is not exactly clear whether the Capitol people *are* born into that class, or if there is the possibility that you could actually work your way up into that society. There's some hints that you *may* be able to:

- Cinna's accent does not match the people of the Capitol, yet he is a Capitol citizen

- The Peacekeepers seem to be citizens of each district (at least in District 12), so perhaps they could work their way up (or be transferred to richer districts)

(Note: In *Mockingjay* we learn that district 2 supplies most of the Peacekeepers, but students should not expect to know this yet.)

- Perhaps the mayor of a district could move up

- The victors move up within their own district

Even so, the overall theme is that the people of the Capitol are the *real* barbarians, so why would anyone choose to be a part of their society?

Either way, here is an educated guess to the class system model for Panem:

Capitol citizens:

Upper-upper class: Capitol rulers (President Snow, Gamemakers)

Middle-upper class: Capitol citizens who do not have to work (audience members, sponsors)

Lower-upper class: Capitol citizens who work (Stylists--Cinna, Portia; prep teams, district escorts--Effie; Caesar Flickerman)

Upper-middle class: Capitol citizens who work within districts (not evident in *Hunger Games*, but in *Catching Fire* new Peacekeepers are brought in to District 12)

District Citizens:

Upper-middle class: Mayors of the districts, Victors of the districts (food, money, provisions are provided for; victors do not need to work)

Lower-middle class: Merchants, Peacekeepers (people who live downtown near the square in District 12)

Upper-lower class: Citizens of the "Seam" in district 12 who work in the coal mines or sell/trade in the Hob

Lower-lower class: Citizens who are unable to work & have no one to take care of them (the elderly, single-parent families, those not eligible for tesserae)

This is just one opinion (and I am in no way an expert in this area), so feel free to change or add anything that you see fit.

SYMBOLISM: THE SEAL OF THE CAPITOL OF PANEM

A search on Google images for “national emblems” came up with some interesting images that students may find some similarities to the Capitol seal:



Udmurt Republic



Sudan



Germany's emblem



On Panem’s seal, the eagle (or bird) has 12 feathers. (Might represent each district, which would mean it was created AFTER they “eliminated” district 13.) It is also holding 4 arrows in each foot. It has 3 tail feathers. Each laurel branch that surrounds the bird has 19 leaves. Do these numbers mean anything? The “C” under the picture is wearing a crown. Is that an indication of royalty/nobility? Or of the victors who win the Hunger Games (and are crowned each year)?

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Symbol	How it appears in the novel	What it represents
bread (Peeta's Bread)	When they were 11 years old, Peeta burns two loaves of bread on purpose so he could throw them to Katniss to feed herself and family.	Life, friendship, survival, love
dandelion	Katniss sees Peeta in school and is reminded of how he saved her life by giving her the bread; then she notices a dandelion & remembers that her dad taught her which plants were safe to eat (dandelions are one of the most nutritious plants you can eat). She sees a dandelion again after she chucks the cookies Peeta's dad gave her out the train window (foreshadowing that she can survive).	Survival, hope
mockingjay	Capitol's mutated jabberjay male birds (who were left to die) mated with mockingbirds.	Rebellion, survival, ability to adapt
mockingjay pin	Madge gives it to Katniss as a district token to wear during the Games. It reminds Katniss of her father's singing because the mockingjays loved his voice and would copy his song.	Katniss's father's singing; later it will represent rebellion, survival, ability to adapt
Peeta	While Peeta had noticed Katniss since the first day of school, Katniss only really noticed Peeta when he gave her the bread. However, as the novel progresses, she will start to fall in love with him, even though she is unable to trust him because of her own defenses she creates.	Friendship, love, sacrifice
the "silent salute"	When Katniss volunteers for Prim at the reaping, the citizens of District 12 give her the three-finger to the lips "silent salute."	Respect, gratitude
the woods	Katniss learns first to hunt in the woods with her father; after he dies, she starts to go into the woods by herself (after seeing the dandelion) and learns how to survive, as well as finds Gale for a hunting partner and friend.	Survival, the world beyond District 12, danger, rebellion
katniss (from arrowhead plant)	Katniss first finds "herself" - the katniss root plant - while swimming in the pond in the woods. The top that sticks out of the water looks like an arrow. The bulbous root is edible, similar to a potato. Her father said she would survive if she could find "herself" - referring to this plant.	Survival, her skills with an arrow (visual symbolism that she is named after a plant shaped like an arrow)
Katniss' outfits	Cinna creates her outfits to resemble burning embers and fire; nicknames her "Katniss, the girl who was on fire." Fire itself is a symbol for change in alchemy; it also represents renewal, passion, anger, destruction, and sacredness.	Strategy (making herself noticeable); change, passion,
Rue	Rue is the 12-year old District 11 tribute who reminds Katniss of her little sister, Prim--another reminder of how unfair & inhumane the Games are.	Innocence, friendship, inhumanity
Rue's flowers	After Rue dies, Katniss believes Rue deserves to be honored with flowers and she collects white, yellow, and violet colored flowers and decorates Rue's body & all around her with them. She thinks back to Peeta's statement that he wanted to make a difference-not to be just a pawn in their games. This is Katniss's way of telling the Capitol that Rue was somebody-an innocent little girl with a family and people who loved her, not just a pawn.	Honor, respect for the dead, rebellion against the Capitol
Bread from district 11	After Katniss honored Rue with the flowers, District 11 sent her a loaf of bread to thank her.	Gratitude, respect

Symbol	How it appears in the novel	What it represents
poisonous berries	Nightlock berries, first found by Peeta (who accidentally killed Foxface with them). Katniss saved them hoping maybe to kill Cato with them, but she and Peeta used them in the end of the Games to pretend to commit a double suicide rather than have either one kill the other.	Deception, rebellion

Other symbols not mentioned in activity include:

- **The cannon fire:** represents a dead tribute (see this article about military gun salutes: <http://usmilitary.about.com/od/jointservices/a/funeralhonors.htm>)
- **The green & silver moth landing on Katniss's hand:** symbolized her transformation or change from one state to the next. In this case, she is leaving her old life behind (her life with Gale hunting in the woods) and has chosen a path which will involve Peeta because she sacrificed her life to save his.
- **The silver parachutes:** represent life, sustenance, a savior.

For additional symbolism activities, see "Food Symbolism"

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Food-Symbolism-in-The-Hunger-Games-In-Depth-Lesson>

and **Additional Symbolism in *The Hunger Games***

<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Additional-Symbolism-in-The-Hunger-Games>

THEMES

NAME: TEACHER'S ANSWER KEY

Theme	How the theme is represented in story
violence/war	-The Hunger Games event--children being forced to kill one another, often in brutal, violent ways. -The knowledge of the rebellion against the Capitol
survival	-Katniss & her family trying to survive after her father's death -Katniss & Peeta's quest to survive the Hunger Games -The citizens of the districts struggling to survive (famine, disease)

Theme	How the theme is represented in story
humanity/ inhumanity	<p>Humanity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Peeta showing Katniss humanity without ever knowing her (giving her the bread, protecting her in the Games) -Peacekeepers allowing illegal hunting -Katniss's mother and Prim by trying to help those who are sick, dying, or injured -District 12 people giving Katniss "silent salute" -Madge showing humanity toward Katniss with pin and kiss -Peeta's dad giving Katniss cookies & looking out for Prim -Katniss & Rue with mutual humanity toward one another -District 11 people showing humanity to Katniss with gift of bread -Thresh showing humanity by letting Katniss go -Katniss taking care of Peeta & getting the medicine for him -Katniss putting Cato out of his misery -Cinna with his wardrobe choices <p>Inhumanity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Capitol punishing citizens with the Hunger Games -Working conditions in districts (especially 11, as described by Rue) -District 11 Peacekeepers -Gamemakers changing the rules at the end of the Games -Capitol making the citizens watch the Hunger Games -Making the victor watch the recap show -Victory tour--opening all those new wounds -Making the victors mentor the new tributes year after year
government control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Capitol is in control of everything -Class system: <i>Social classes are the hierarchical arrangements of people in society as economic or cultural groups. The most basic class distinction is between the powerful and the powerless.</i> (See separate page on different social class models.) -Providing a meager tesserae for children between the ages of 12-18.
reality TV/ desensitization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The Hunger Games event--children being forced to kill one another, often in brutal, violent ways while being televised. -The Capitol audience members treating the district tributes as entertainers rather than real people. -The overall desensitization that the Capitol people have when someone was killed (not that it was a brutal event, but where they were when it happened). -The desensitization of the tributes who try not to get too close/personal to one another since they will have to kill them eventually

Theme	How the theme is represented in story
hope	-(See symbolism, also) Items that showed promises of hope in the novel: Peeta's bread, Peeta himself, Madge's show of friendship, Cinna's faith in Katniss, Baker (Peeta's dad) telling Katniss he would look out for Prim, Prim's goat, dandelions, Rue & Katniss becoming allies, Katniss finding Peeta & saving him, Thresh letting Katniss go, Haymitch's gifts
love	-Peeta's unconditional love for Katniss; Katniss's unconditional love for Prim; Katniss beginning to love Peeta; her conflicting feelings for Gale; Katniss withholding love from her mother (see lack of trust)
hunger/ starvation	-Capitol withholding food and fencing in districts -Meager tesserae (forcing the youth to weaken their odds in the reaping if they have large families to feed) -The people Katniss's mother & sister try to save -The contrast of the exuberance of food/eating in the Capitol with the starving people in the districts
friendship	-Peeta, Madge, Gale, Rue, Thresh, Katniss, Caesar Flickerman, Cinna, Haymitch
trust	-Katniss's lack of being able to trust Peeta; Peeta trusting Katniss; Katniss trusting Gale; Rue & Katniss trusting one another; Katniss & Peeta trusting Haymitch; Katniss not being able to trust that her mother could take care of Prim

Can you think of other themes represented in the novel? (answers may vary)

- **Depression (Katniss's mother & even Haymitch as he uses alcohol to cope)**
- **Alcoholism/Chemical Dependency (Haymitch)**

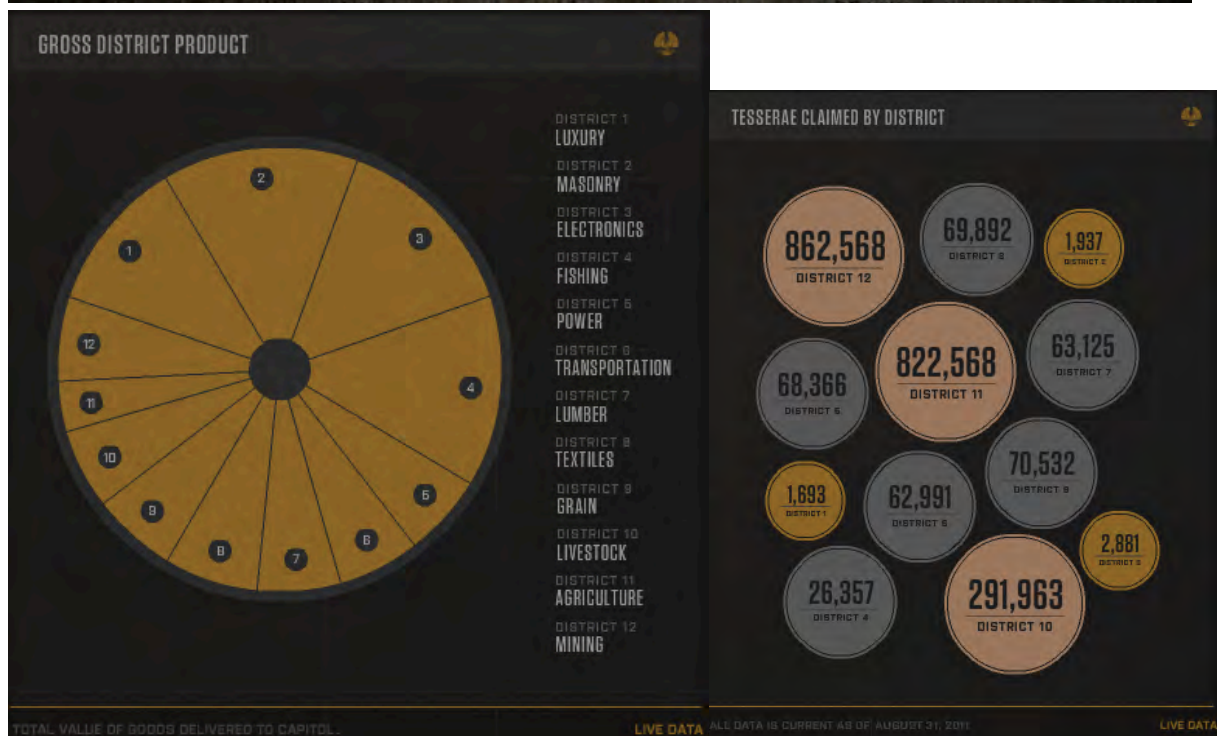
KEEPING IT ALL STRAIGHT...

The author is not specific about each district; however, there are some clues for most of them in *The Hunger Games*, *Catching Fire*, and *Mockingjay*. Then Lionsgate/Scholastic released the district industries on the website www.TheCapitol.pn in September, 2011. Here are my notes on each area:

District #	Industry (for the Capitol)	Male Tribute	Female Tribute	When/How they die
1	Luxury Items	(Career) Marvel 8th place	(Career) Glimmer 12th place	The boy (Marvel-we learn in <i>Catching Fire</i>) is killed by Katniss (her first kill) after he killed Rue; the girl (Glimmer) is killed by tracker jacker stings
2	(Unknown) Masonry (Revealed in MJ to be the Capitol's defense)	(Career) Cato 3rd place	(Career) Clove 6th place	Cato is killed when Katniss shoots his hand and Peeta pushes him into the horn of the cornucopia and he falls to the wolf tributes who feed on him all night long until Katniss finally shoots him to put him out of his misery. Clove is killed by Thresh, saving Katniss's life.
3	Electronics	Ally with Careers 9th place	No name Bottom 11	Boy is killed by Cato (snapped neck) because he did his job a little too well setting up the mines from the platforms to protect supplies; Katniss blew up the supplies & hardly anything was salvaged. Girl dies on the first day.
4	Fishing	(Career) Bottom 11	(Career) 11th place	Boy died the first day at Cornucopia. Girl killed from Katniss dropping the tracker jacker hive/nest on her (from stings).
5	(Unknown) Power (Revealed on www.TheCapitol.pn)	No name Bottom 11	Foxface 4th Place	Boy dies on the first day. Peeta kills Foxface accidentally with poisonous berries
6	(Unknown) Transportation (Revealed on www.TheCapitol.pn)	No name Bottom 11	No name Bottom 11	Both died the first day.
7	Lumber	No name Bottom 11	No name Bottom 11	Both died the first day.
8	Textiles/Clothing (lots of factories & no grass, from CF)	No name Bottom 11	No Name 13th Place	Boy died the first day. Girl died on the morning of 2nd day; she was the one who lit the fire under/near Katniss' tree and led the Careers to her.
9	Grain (in CF, mention of "fields of wheat AFTER they went through district 11)	No name (Backpack boy) Bottom 11	No name Bottom 11	Both died the first day within seconds. (Katniss got the boy's backpack; he was killed by Clove.) Girl died the first day.
10	Livestock	crippled boy 10th Place	No name Bottom 11	Unknown how boy dies, but it is the morning of the day Katniss blows up the Careers' supplies. Girl died the first day.
11	Agriculture / Orchards	Thresh 5th Place	Rue 7th Place	Cato kills Thresh; the district 1 boy kills Rue.
12	Coal Mining	Peeta	Katniss	Both survive & win
13	Graphite Mining/ Nuclear Power	---	---	---

New Information from the website www.TheCapitol.pn

These images are from the website www.TheCapitol.pn, which is sponsored by Scholastic Books and Lionsgate films. Fans can register and be placed in a district (I'm district 7). So far, it is unknown what registered users will "do" on the site, but speculation by the fandom is that it will be some sort of role-play activity.



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from a blog: <http://mavenity.org/2009/12/07/the-hunger-games-notes/>



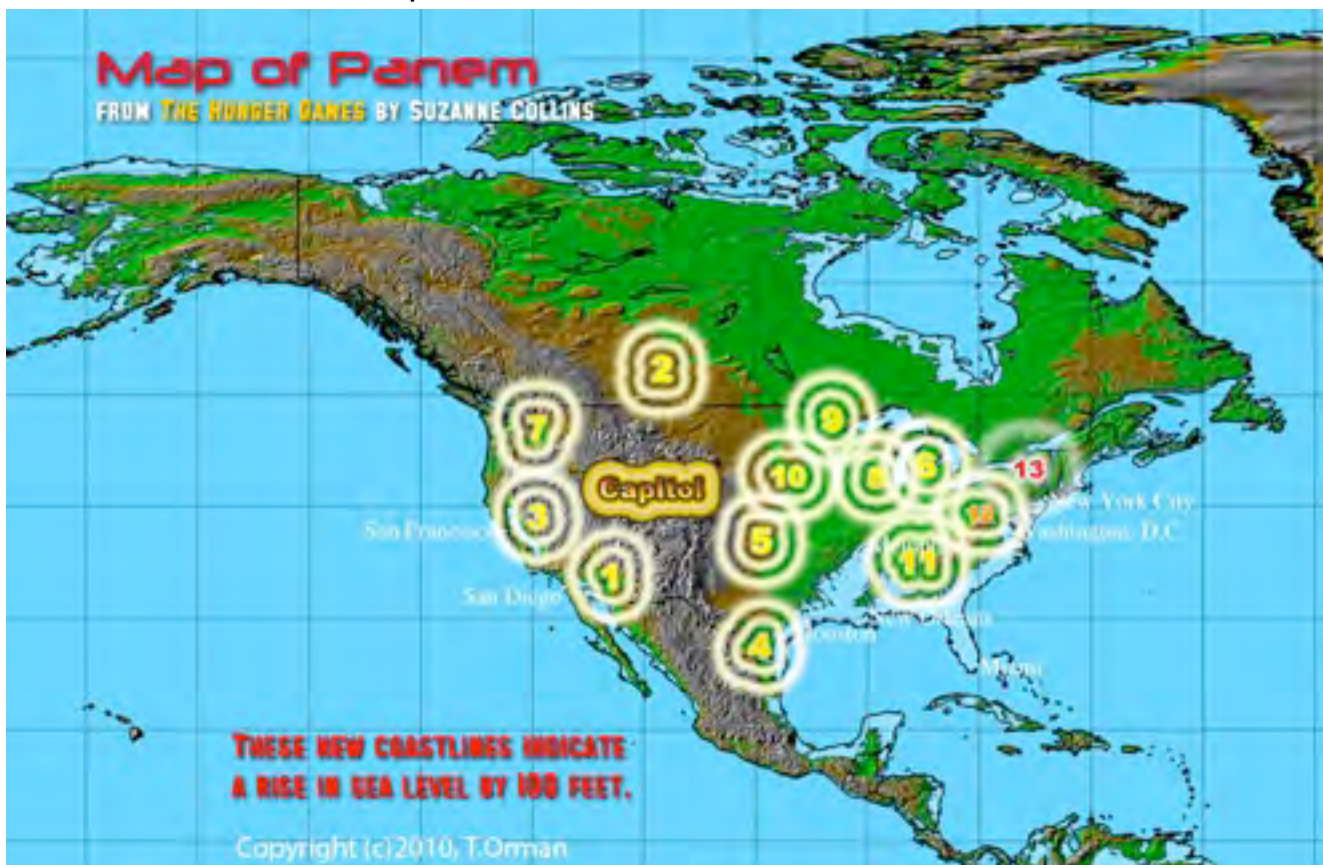
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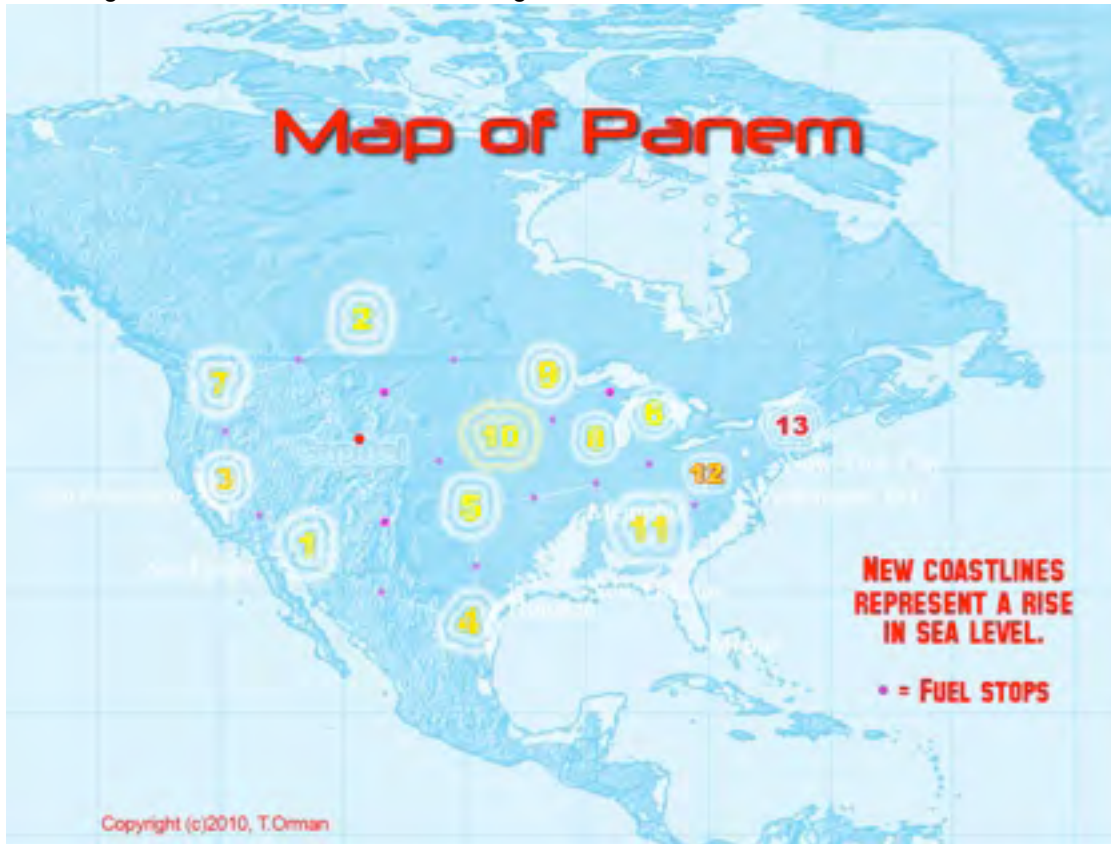


And since I have been impatiently awaiting for *Mockingjay* to be released, I created another new map:



And here it is in light blue (with smaller numbers):

The little purple dots are supposed to be fuel stops and you can hardly read the "Capitol" tag, but the "i" is dotted with a big red dot. I like the idea of #2 being in Canada & #4 Mexico. I think even #1 could be in Canada, as well.



MAP OF PANEM



from: <http://i35.tinypic.com/nv8aqe.png>

This is a student-made map. I think it was one of the first maps of Panem posted on the internet. The lines indicate the rails and the yellow/black dots represent past arenas from the Games.