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*...Rue  
was more than a piece  
in their Games.  
And so am I.*

Katniss Everdeen  
*The Hunger Games* (Chapter 18)

Sometimes growing-up poor has hidden benefits.

Katniss Everdeen, growing-up poor, possesses such benefits. Wherever she goes, those benefits go with her.

She knows how to survive. She's an expert shot with a bow and arrow. She has inner strength. She has great instincts. And ... she's rebellious.

Her defiance could become the most-valuable of all her assets. Trying to outsmart a tyrannical government intent on seeing her dead, sixteen-year-old Katniss must use her skills - and her wits - to stay alive.

How did she get into this predicament? A totalitarian government - known as "The Capitol" - is in charge of the country in which she lives. To entertain themselves, the people who run the government enjoy watching television games.

Their favorite game - during which real young people are ordered to kill each other until only one survives - is broadcast on national television.

Katniss - who is named after the "arrowhead" plant - is one of the "stars" of the 74th *Hunger Games*.

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**Questions 2 Ponder**

**Are We Desensitized?**

In *The Hunger Games*, a group of young people called "tributes" are chosen to fight each other to the death. These "games" are mandated by the government of a fictional country called "Panem."

The government also requires the citizens of Panem to watch the unfolding of the games on national television.

Do you think that television has a tendency to "desensitize" the way in which people view (and understand) violence? If so, how—and—to what extent can TV viewers do anything about it?

Is the same thing true of video games? If so, how—and to what extent—can video gamers do anything about it?

## Could This Really Happen?

Could "The Hunger Games"—during which 24 young people are ordered to kill each other until only one survives—ever exist in the real world?

If so, what kind of politics would govern a country in which such games occurred?

### Media Stream



#### Katniss Everdeen

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#### Katniss Everdeen - Expert Archer

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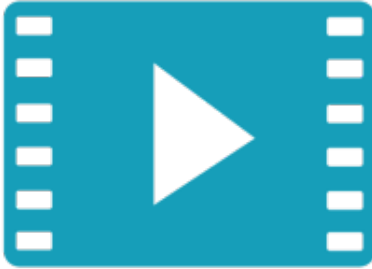
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