

Dear Suzanne Collins,

I just finished reading your book, *The Hunger Games*. Your work is very meaningful and moving to me because of the relatable characters. I can relate most to the relationship between Katniss and Prim. When Katniss sacrificed herself so quickly and willingly to save her, I couldn't help but think I would do the same for my sister. Katniss is the breadwinner of her family, and she takes it into her own hands to support them. I do this in my own way too; I'm the oldest kid in my family, so like Katniss, I am very protective of my younger siblings. I also do a lot of things to help my mom with jobs around the house, things like clean, help put my little brother to bed and babysitting. These jobs may not be as huge as being the breadwinner of the family, but I help my mom out a lot. It is great to see the connections between the characters and me in the book; it makes the book more realistic even if it is fiction.

You also made me think about the world today. The separation and value of the districts is similar to class value too. For example, if you have less money like district twelve, than you will get treated like you are lower than the people in district one with more money. The separation may not be as major and as laid out as the story but it's still true. I have noticed this before, but the book opened my eyes to what it is really like.

*The Hunger Games* is for the entertainment of the people in the districts. Some of the television shows today can relate with that. Of course it is not as severe as putting people in an arena to kill each other but it still has the same concepts. In the television show *American Idol* the point of it is to see contestants out sing one another to not get kicked off the show to possibly win a big music contract. The point of *The Hunger Games* is for the contestants from each district to fight it out to death to possibly win fame and fortune. These games may be very entertaining but they come at a price. I personally relate to Katniss, but the way you made a parallel world had the greatest impact on me.

From,

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