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The Hunger Games Writing Assignment

Due Date: _____

Objective: Choose a writing prompt from the list below and draft, write, edit and submit an analytical literary essay. The essay is meant to assess to what extent you can identify a symbol, motif or theme in *The Hunger Games*; understand how it works; take it apart; and provide evidence to support your analysis. You are analyzing, NOT summarizing.

Requirements:

- 2-3 pages typed; size 12 Times New Roman font; double-spacing; 1-inch margins
- a clear thesis and arguments
- a formal writing style
- evidence to support each arguments with page numbers
- relevant analysis

Prompts:

1. *The Hunger Games* can be read as a scathing attack on modern day America. How so? What does the text criticize and how? Provide analysis and textual evidence.
2. As a text, *The Hunger Games* lifts up Katniss Everdeen as a hero. Which of her qualities/characteristics do the other characters in the text celebrate? Which make her stronger than the other characters? Provide analysis and textual evidence.
3. Capitol residents in *The Hungers Games* seem to focus on appearances and affected (unnatural or false) presentations of people. How so, and how does Katniss rise above the demand for the superficial? Provide analysis and textual evidence.
4. There are many symbols and motifs in *The Hunger Games*, such as eating, hunting, starvation and surveillance. Choose one and analyze its significance to the novel as a whole. Provide analysis and textual evidence.
5. Create your own writing prompt for *The Hunger Games*, but I must approve it! The prompt must focus on assessing your ability to analyze the text.