

What if?

Exploration of plot and characterization

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Fanfiction

Write a short story (fanfiction) over one of the following prompts. Here's your chance to show your understanding of perspective, characterization, and plot. True to be true to the character's perspective that you choose and to the characters you are working with. This means they should have the same personalities that they have in the novel and shouldn't make decisions that would be out of character for them. You will have to use your knowledge of dystopia to make sure your fanfic matches the theme of dystopia in the novel.

Choices:

1. The novel is set in the future, so when Katniss references her ancestors, she is referring to this century. What has happened to North America? How might we have contributed to the destruction of it? Write a short story with President Snow explaining to another character what happened to lead to the novel's present. Is he speaking to a fellow official or is he explaining to Katniss?
2. Write a short story from Prim's point of view of what it was like for her and her mother while Katniss was in the Hunger Games. Follow their point of view as they stay in district 12, worrying about her then watching her in the Games. What were they feeling? Did their mother fall apart or pull herself together? What was it like to wait and watch? What was it like with Capiotl officials in town making sure there were no riots? Was there secret talk among the people of the district? Tell it through Prim's perspective.
3. Use a what if scenario to explore how it would change the plot. What if Katniss hadn't volunteered for Prim? What if Gale had volunteered for Peta so he could join Katniss? What if questions ask what would happen if the characters made a different

choice or had different circumstances. Run off your ideas for this by Ms. Cantrell first.

Page length: Minimum 4 pages SINGLE space. Times New Roman font size 12. See the class calendar for the due date.

Reflective Essay:

Write a 2-3 page double spaced 12 point Times New Roman font reflective essay discussing the choices you made in your fanfic. What decisions did you make in terms of point of view (POV)? Characterization? Plot? How would your changes impact the overall novel? How does your fan fiction continue the themes of totalitarian government, identity, or moral dilemmas?