

# Building a Wall

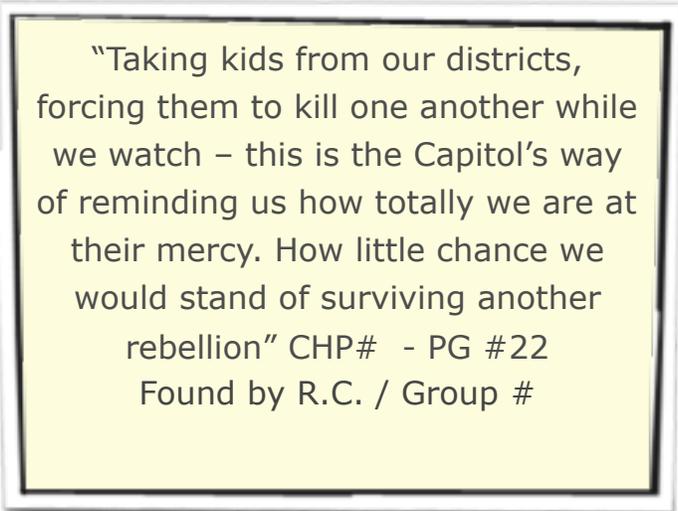
## The Hunger Games

Wall chart: We will create a wall chart to track themes and symbolism within the Hunger Games. Students will look for textual evidence that the government within the novel is a totalitarian government. They will look for overall themes and symbolism. Students will write their textual evidence on a post it (with the chapter, page number, and their initials) to the wall. When we are finished with the novel students will write an analytical essay that analyzes and evaluates these themes and symbols along with the government structure within the novel. Then they will orally present key findings in small groups.

According to the webster dictionary a totalitarian government is (a) of or relating to centralized control by an autocratic leader or hierarchy (b) or of relating to a political regime based on subordination of the individual to the state and strict control of all aspects of the life and productive capacity of the nation especially by coercive measures such as censorship. Signs of a totalitarian government:

1. Control of public information and opinion
2. Usurpation of undelegated powers
3. Seeking a government monopoly on the capability and use of armed force.
4. militarization of law enforcement
5. Infiltration and subversion of citizen groups that could be forces for reform
6. Suppression of investigators and whistleblowers
7. Use of the law for competition suppression
8. Subversion of internal checks and balances
9. Creation of a class of officials who are above the law
10. Increasing dependency of the people on government
11. Use of staged events to produce popular support.
12. Conversion of rights into privileges.

Here is an example of what your post-it will look like:



“Taking kids from our districts, forcing them to kill one another while we watch – this is the Capitol’s way of reminding us how totally we are at their mercy. How little chance we would stand of surviving another rebellion” CHP# - PG #22  
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