



The Hunger Games, Twenty Years After

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Crisis Summary

What happens after the collapse of a tyrannical society? That's the question posed in this ODUMUNC crisis simulation.

The central conflict in *The Hunger Games* was the struggle set in mythical *Panem*, between the tyrannical Capitol and the oppressed districts. For 75 years, the Capitol forced

districts to offer 'tributes' (ages 12-18) to fight to the death in a televised event.

This spectacle served to remind the districts of the Capitol's absolute power and to prevent them from uniting against their common oppressor. The vast inequality was highlighted

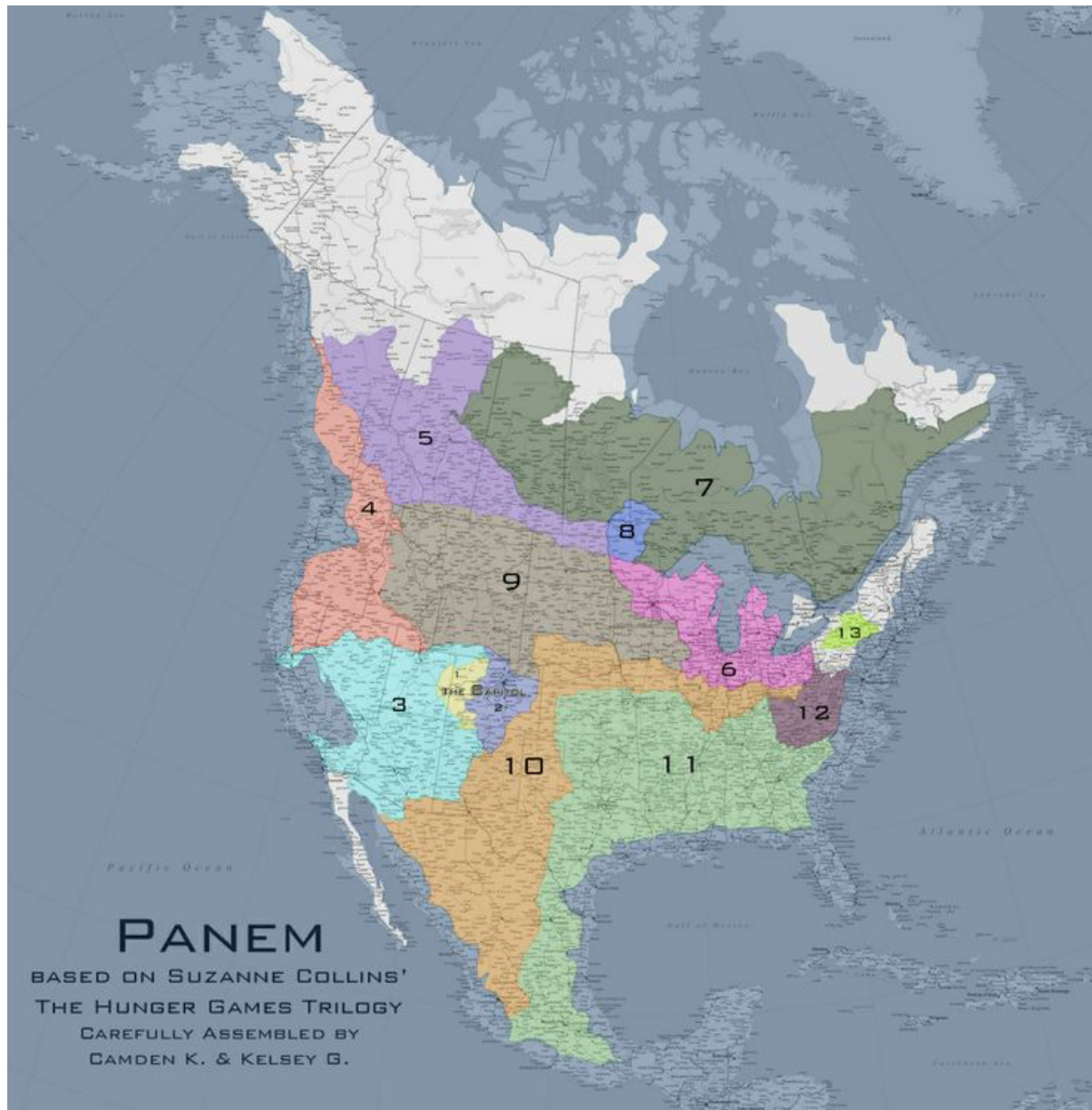


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by the Capitol's lavish lifestyle, in contrast to the starvation and poverty in the districts.

The conflict escalated when a tribute, Katniss Everdeen, through her rebellion in the arena, unintentionally sparked a revolution.



Everdeen's defiance provided the districts with a symbol of hope and a unifying cause.

The rebellion grew, leading to a full-scale war between the districts, led by the hidden

District 13, and the Capitol. The narrative explored the complex moral and ethical decisions made by the leaders of both sides,



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raising questions about the political use of violence, propaganda, and the nature of justice.

This ODUMUNC crisis simulation is set twenty years after the end of the Hunger Games, when the districts were left to quiet life. President Snow is long dead. But now Panem faces sudden dangers of renewed political chaos and uncertainty.

Will Panem deteriorate into a failed state, raising conflict for all, leading to a renewed spectacle of distraction? Will charismatic leaders take it back to the brutality of the past? Or will new leaders emerge able to steer Panem toward a brighter future? What happens after the collapse of a tyrannical society?

Participants in the Hunger Game crisis simulation at ODUMUNC 49 are encouraged to study the original books of Suzanne Collins, listed below at *Primary Sources*. The character descriptions below are meant only to introduce characters for the overall understanding and review of all participants.

Each ODUMUNC Hunger Games crisis participant is strongly encouraged to study summary descriptions of their assigned character in multiple sources, as we as in the original books. Note that several characters have been brought back from death, a liberty by the organizers.

Characters: Principal

Alma Coin - President of District 13 and a leader in the Second Rebellion. She orchestrated the City Circle bombing, clearing the way for her to become the interim President of Panem,

before she was assassinated by Katniss Everdeen. Coin is the hidden secondary antagonist in the book *Mockingjay*.¹

Asterid Everdeen - Mother of Katniss and Primrose Everdeen and was married to Burdock Everdeen. Katniss's mother is a healer who specializes in home remedies, and she loved her husband deeply. Even as a child, Katniss understood the profound love her parents shared, which years later becomes her inspiration when she must convince Panem that she is in love with Peeta in the arena. Katniss's mother was broken by her husband's death and became "worn" and "beaten down" in its aftermath.²

Caesar Flickerman - The interviewer for the tributes for over 35 years, he also is great at making a weak comment into a memorable one. He is well loved by the Capitol citizens and seems to have genuine sympathy for the tributes.³

Casca Highbottom - Academic dean of the Academy, the most prestigious high school in Panem, and publicly credited as the creator of the Hunger Games. While attending the university, Crassus Snow got him drunk during an assignment to get him to give him all his ideas for a thought experiment, this assignment later morphed into the Hunger Games. Traumatized and betrayed by his former best friend, Highbottom became a morphine addict.⁴

Cinna - Katniss Everdeen's stylist during her campaigns in the 74th and 75th Hunger Games, who was later revealed to be a supporter of the rebels in District 13. Cinna played a major role

¹ Emily Martin, 'The Hunger Games series, explained', *Audibleblog*, 24 February 2025, <https://www.audible.com.au/blog/article-the-hunger-games-explained>

² 'The Hunger Games Character List', *Sparknotes*, n.d., <https://www.sparknotes.com/lit/the-hunger-games/characters/>

³ 'The Hunger Games Wiki', *Fandom*, n.d., https://thehungergames.fandom.com/wiki/Caesar_Flickerman

⁴ 'List of *The Hunger Games* characters', *Wikipedia*, n.d., https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_The_Hunger_Games_characters



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in Katniss' rise to prominence in the rebel movement and with her political persona as the Mockingjay. He was killed in *Catching Fire*.⁵

Cressida - Resident of the Capitol and a film director who defected to the rebellion along with her camera crew. They headed to District 13 when they fled the Capitol. Cressida was tasked by Plutarch Heavensbee with following Katniss Everdeen throughout her journeys in the rebellion in order to encourage strength and morale in the rebels.⁶

Effie Trinket - Katniss and Peeta's escort. She is a Capitol citizen and has a very strong belief in schedules and manners. She is noted for her odd Capitol clothes, wigs, and accent.

Gale Hawthorne - Katniss' best friend who has helped support her family since she was twelve. He has become very close to Katniss but never manages to get together.⁷

Haymitch Abernathy - As District 12's only surviving winner of the Hunger Games, Haymitch acts as Katniss's and Peeta's coach throughout the Games. Though he is drunk most, in fact nearly all, of the time, he proves a cunning advisor to the young tributes.⁸

Joseph Boggs - District 13 President Coin's second-in-command. Boggs' rank was colonel and he was Head of Security of District 13. When Katniss Everdeen assumed the role of the Mockingjay, he became her protector.⁹

Katniss Everdeen - Protagonist of the novel and its narrator, Katniss Everdeen is a strong, resourceful sixteen-year-old who is far more mature than her age would suggest. Katniss is the main provider in her family, which consists of Katniss, her mother, and her younger sister, Prim. Katniss is fiercely protective of her younger sister, and she volunteers to take Prim's place in the Hunger Games to protect her.¹⁰

Peeta Mellark - The chosen male tribute of District 12, he will turn out to be a loyal partner for Katniss Everdeen in the games. Not only will he stop at nothing to keep her alive, but he will also prove himself to be a deadly enemy himself.¹¹

Primrose Everdeen - Katniss' sister who is reaped into the 74th Hunger Games. She was loving and caring. Prim was later killed in *Mockingjay*.¹²

Seneca Crane - Seneca Crane is the Head Gamemaker during the 74th Hunger Games. The bait-and-switch tactic of proclaiming two tributes could win if they came from the same district was his idea, and so when it came back to bite the Capitol in the end, Crane was held responsible for the embarrassment. Near the beginning of the *Catching Fire* book, Snow tells Katniss that he had him executed for letting both her and Peeta live.¹³

Volumnia Gaul - Sadistic and misanthropist mad scientist who is the indirect creator of the

⁵ Ibid.

⁶ Emily Martin, 'The Hunger Games series, explained', *Audibleblog*, 24 February 2025, <https://www.audible.com.au/blog/article-the-hunger-games-explained>

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⁹ 'The Hunger Games Wiki', *Fandom*, n.d., <https://thehungergames.fandom.com/wiki/Boggs>

¹⁰ Ibid.

¹¹ Ibid.

¹² Ibid.

¹³ 'List of *The Hunger Games* characters', *Wikipedia*, n.d., https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_The_Hunger_Games_characters



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Hunger Games. She is the initial Head Gamemaker of the 10th Hunger Games. She developed the Hunger Games from an assignment done by two of her university students before the war, Crassus Snow and Casca Highbottom. She views the Games as a way to represent the lack of control and order without the Capitol in a Hobbesian fashion.¹⁴

Characters: Tributes

Annie Cresta - A career victor from District 4 known for winning the 70th Hunger Games. She is the widow of Finnick Odair and the mother of their son.¹⁵

Beetee Latie - District 3 male tribute in the 75th Hunger Games. He was skilled in electronics and won his game by electrocuting groups of tributes at once. Beetee also contributed substantially to the technology of the Capitol. He joined the alliance to protect Katniss and devised a plan to electrocute the Careers. Although injured, he survived the game and was brought by the rebels to District 13.¹⁶

Cato - A tribute from District 2. As a Career tribute, he comes from a wealthy district where children are trained to compete in the Hunger Games all their lives. Cato is alarmingly aggressive and prone to violent, unhinged

outbursts of anger. He is characterized as a predator who does not "wait for his prey to wander by."¹⁷

Enobaria - Female tribute from District 2. A career tribute in both her previous Games and the Third Quarter Quell, she gained notoriety in her Games by fatally biting another tribute's throat, an act that secured her victory and established her savage reputation. Following her win, she had her teeth sharpened into fangs and inlaid with gold to score her popularity within the Capitol.¹⁸

Foxface - A girl from District 5. Though we never learn her true name, Katniss nicknames her "Foxface" because she is sly, clever, wily, and fox-like. Foxface's forte is intellect, not brute strength. She's not a killer and her strategy is "to evade, not attack." She operates alone, takes controlled, measured actions, and never acts impulsively.¹⁹

Johanna Mason - The female tribute from District 7. She won her games by initially feigning weakness and cowardice to avoid being perceived as a threat, only revealing her viciousness once the competition narrowed. The Capitol executed her loved ones. The loss left her emotionally hardened and in turn, she openly defies the Capitol without fear of retaliating.²⁰

Lucy Gray Baird - A major character in Hunger Games prequel *A Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*. Though she is designated as a tribute from District 12 in the 10th Hunger

¹⁴ Ibid.

¹⁵ Ibid.

¹⁶ Ibid.

¹⁷ 'The Hunger Games Character List', Sparknotes, n.d., <https://www.sparknotes.com/lit/the-hunger-games/characters/>

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Games, she doesn't identify as a citizen of 12 but instead as a member of The Covey, a nomadic people in Panem who are known for their creative abilities. Before the reaping, Lucy Gray made a living singing and playing guitar with other members of The Covey.²¹

Madge Undersee - Daughter of District 12's mayor and an early companion of Katniss's. They are both quiet and subdued and therefore drawn to each other. Madge underscores the theme of class hierarchy. Although no one is truly well-off in District 12, Madge enjoys a heightened status and wealth as the mayor's daughter.²²

Rue - A tribute from District 11, only twelve years old at the time, she was the youngest of the tributes. Though not a fighter, Rue is nimble, clever, and resourceful. She saves Katniss from the Careers by guiding her to drop the tracker jacker nest on their camp and then nurses Katniss's wounds. Rue is "very hard to catch," has a comprehensive knowledge of the nutritional and medicinal values of plants, and is able to spy on other tributes undetected. She is otherwise ill-suited for the arena.²³

Thresh - The boy from District 11 who accompanied Rue to the Hunger Games. He is massive, intimidating, powerful, and keeps largely to himself. Katniss states that he possessed a "silent, deadly power." Thresh has a strong set of principles. He rejects the invitation to join the Career pack even though it would probably give him a higher chance of survival. He also refuses to play the Capitol's games and promote himself in his interview with Caesar Flickerman in the hope of gaining sponsors.²⁴

Titus - A male tribute from District 6 who competed in an unspecified Hunger Games. The Arena of that game was a frozen tundra, and the tributes were constantly in dire need of food. Titus became a cannibal by eating the corpses of dead tributes, forcing the Gamemakers to stun him with electric guns to collect the bodies. He was eventually killed by an avalanche, and since then, there is an unspoken rule for the tributes not to eat other tributes. Katniss speculates the Gamemakers staged his death to prevent a "lunatic" from winning the game.

²¹ Emily Martin, 'The Hunger Games series, explained', *Audibleblog*, 24 February 2025, <https://www.audible.com.au/blog/article-the-hunger-games-explained>

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Ostensibly dead, here for possible Crisis Director use

Former President Coriolanus Snow: Tyrannical ruler of Panem and primary antagonist. President Snow was a shrewd and ruthless leader who maintained power through fear, oppression, and public spectacles like the Hunger Games. He had no special powers, but his intelligence and strategic mind made him a formidable foe. The rebellion was a direct threat to his absolute power and the decadent lifestyle of the Capitol. His motivation was to preserve the status quo at all cost.