

SAMPLE REVIEW**Title of Book:** THE HUNGER GAMES**Author:** Suzanne Collins**Date of publication:** 2006 **Publisher:** Scholastic**BLURB: (write something catchy here)**

A gripping post-apocalyptic thriller that is unputdownable! This book was filled with adventure, plot twists, a fight to the death and romance!

Give a very short SPOILER-FREE summary of what happens in the book (If the book is Fiction: Include the names of the main characters, the location, the main plot, etc. If its Non-Fiction: give the big ideas in the book and what you learned) AND THEN TELL US WHAT YOU THOUGHT Did you like it? Reasons why or why not? What's your gut reaction? Did it relate to anything in your life?

Every year in the North America dystopic state of Panem, 24 kids (between the ages of 12 to 18) are selected (2 from each of Panem's 12 districts) by lottery to fight in the Hunger Games. Panem is a country filled with famine and drought. The Hunger Games is a televised reality show where the contestants must fight-to-the-death as punishment for an uprising. In Panem's poorest district, 16 year old Katniss Everdeen is shocked when her 12 year old sister is chosen as a contestant. Katniss volunteers to take her place. Peeta, the baker's son who once saved Katniss's life by throwing her a loaf of bread, is also chosen. While the entire country forced to watch this televised reality show, Katniss and Peeta are pitted against bigger stronger players, artificial weather, and always changing rules. They must use all their wits and talents to stay in the game. While Katniss is determined to survive, Peeta is determined to hold onto his humanity, no matter what the cost. I couldn't put this book down. The twists were amazing. The first part made me think of reality tv and how it can take advantage of people. Katniss knows she must be entertaining to survive. Also the part where they were dressing Katniss in her costume was like a Project Runway gone wild and made me think about how we judge people on their looks. The twists and turns were crazy. You never knew what to expect. In the middle of this violent fight-to-the-death there was a love triangle. I have my favorite guy, but I guess I'm going to have to read the sequels to see who Katniss ends up with. This book was a favorite. READ IT!!

Who would you recommend the book to? (ie: sports fans, readers who liked a certain book?)

If you're looking for a fast-paced adventure and you're not bothered by a little violence, you will love this book. Readers of Veronica Roth's DIVERGENT series would love this one too. This book was so amazing. I'm telling my friends about it. This is good for ages 12 and up.

REMEMBER YOU ARE WRITING TO OTHER TEENS TO TRY TO GET THEM TO READ OR NOT READ THE BOOK. BE PERSUASIVE!