

Hunger Games

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The Hunger Games is a popular trilogy (a #1 NEWYORK TIMES BESTSELLER) written and published in 2008 by Suzanne Collins. Recently it was made into a suspense-filled, action-packed movie where Jennifer Lawrence plays Katniss Everdeen, and Josh Hutcherson plays Peeta Mellark. The story takes place in Panem, where the countries of North America once existed. There are 12 districts and a controlling capitol. The Hunger Games is an annual event where one young man and women, ages 12 to 18, are chosen from each district, and put in an arena to fight to the death. Katniss and Peeta (from district 12) have to go into the arena and fight for their lives. Both the book and movie have made a very large profit because many young-adults are attracted to the story. They are going to finish the second movie next year (2013).

The first book and movie of the Hunger Games trilogy are both very good, and are by far one of my favorite stories. In my opinion, however, the book is much better. They are similar and different in many ways. The movie isn't exactly the same as the book, and it leaves out many important parts. On the other hand, the book is very detailed and paints a picture in your brain, which is much better than the actual picture in the movie. One example is that in the first book, Katniss gets the mockingjay pin from Madge, the mayor's daughter. In the movie she gets it for free from an old woman who is selling things. Madge plays a very important role in the second book, *Catching Fire*, because Katniss sneaks into the mayor's office and finds out confidential information. Without Madge they will have to change how she finds out the information, or if she finds out the information in the second movie.