**Reading Strategies- Book Blog**

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**Reading Strategies Metacognitive Journal: Mrs. Schmuck’s Example – HG Chapter 1**

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| **Predict:** Make a smart guess about what’s going to happen next | “Effie Trinket crosses back to the podium, smoothes the slip of paper, and reads out the name in a clear voice. And it’s not me.” (Collins 20) | Immediately, when I read this, I thought that the tribute that was chosen would have a close relationship to Katniss. I think that this would make sense because if Katniss is the novel’s protagonist than she would have to somehow be connected to the people participating in the games. I think that Katniss will ultimately end up fighting in the games herself or attempting to stop the games through force if necessary. |
| **Clarify**: Look closer when something is confusing | “This is the day of the reaping.” (Collins 3). | At this point in the chapter I had no clue what a ‘reaping’ was. Since the next paragraph didn’t explain it, I paused and took a minute to look it up online. Most definitions related the word to farming which lead me to believe that it was harvest day in their district. A read on only to discover that it was in fact harvest day, however, they were harvesting contestants (kids) to fight to the death.  |
| **Visualize:** Imagine a picture or movie in your mind as you read | “We settle back in a nook in the rocks. From this place, we are invisible but have a clear view of the valley, which is teeming with summer life, greens to gather, roots to dig, fish iridescent in the sunlight. The day is glorious, with a blue sky and soft breeze.” (Collins 9). | This was a particularly striking scene for me. I pictured this fantasy forest, glowing meadows and beautiful forestry. It reminded me of the movie Avatar and their habitat as it’s rich and plentiful. It really sounds like a place I would love to go for peace and quiet. Collins introduces this setting in stark contrast to what we’ve read already. The Hob and the Seam are dark, dreary and depressing. Katniss and Gale clearly come here to escape reality as well as to hunt and provide for their families.  |
| **Ask Questions:** Ask questions to learn more | “Prim’s face is as fresh as a raindrop, as lovely as the primrose for which she was named. My mother was beautiful once, too.” (Collins 3). | This character introduction happens on the first page of the novel where Katniss describes both her mother and sister in detail. Where is her dad? I wonder if I will find out later that they are fighting or that he has left the family behind. Where did/would he go? Who is supporting the family? Is Katniss more like her dad or her mom? I hope Collins answers these questions shortly. I find it odd that Katniss introduces us to her sisters nasty looking cat and not her father. |
| **Make Connections:** Connect what you’re reading to something else | “You become eligible for the reaping the day you turn twelve. That year your name is entered once. At thirteen, twice. And so on and so on until you reach the age of eighteen,” (Collins 13). | This is Katniss explaining the reaping and how it works regarding Tesserae. This made me think of one of my favourite stories, “The Lottery” by Shirley Jackson. This story involves a similar lottery where two names are drawn every year and the family who is chosen via the draw has to redraw amongst only themselves and the loser is stoned to death as a sacrifice to a good harvest. It’s a great story but it makes me angry how unfair and awful it is that people are forced to do these types of things by the people in power. I know I am going to have similar feelings in the Hunger Games towards the Capitol. |
| **Summarize:** Retell what happened in the story so far | Chapter One of the Hunger Games begins with a brief introduction to the protagonist, Katniss, and her family and friends. Then, Collins reveals to us what life is like in this post-apocalyptic society. It is very strict in its rules and punishments for breaking them appear to be severe. Gale is Katniss’ best friend and hunting partner. Her mother and sister, Prim, live with them and her dad died in a coal mining explosion, which seems to be the key resource for District 12. Then we, as readers , learn that the Hunger Games are an annual event where 1 male and 1 female are chosen from a draw each year to fight in an arena to the death! These two are called ‘tributes’. They compete against other tributes from each of the 12 districts and it is televised. What!? |