# COMMITTEE : FICTIONAL 2

**Topic:** The Hunger Games

**Chairs:** Caroline Schow and Anderson Dear

# Report of the Chairs

Esteemed delegates, we are honored to have the opportunity to moderate this conference. You, the leaders of each of Panem’s 12 districts and the Capital are called here to represent your districts and to discuss the future of the Hunger Games. At this conference, you will all come together, share your views, and make a decision for the people of Panem.

# Rationale

* A decision needs to be made to keep or end Panem’s annual Hunger Games. The peacekeepers have informed us of the rising conflicts relating to the annual Hunger Games. This topic needs to be addressed because the Hunger Games are a reminder to the districts to not revolt against the capitol but if the people’s opinions are ignored a rebellion may be just as likely to occur.
* Many people in the districts claim that the Hunger Games and reaping ceremonies are a gross form of entertainment and a celebration of violence while others understand that the Hunger Games are a necessity to keep peace in Panem.

# Background of the Topic

* The Hunger Games started more than seventy years ago when a civil war broke out between the districts of Panem. The capital won and the war was ended when the Treaty of Treason was signed. The treaty’s main significance now is the creation of the Hunger Games.
* The Hunger Games are a form of punishment for the districts that rebelled and a

reminder to the districts to never rebel again. In some of the first Hunger Games, the mayor of each district picked a tribute themselves. The Hunger Games have evolved and now tributes are picked at random, and the Games are televised live.

* The peacekeepers keep any dissidents and rebels at bay, but they can only do so much, and they are not able to stop the collective criticism of the Hunger Games. At some point, the people may rise up once more and we must address this issue before it gets to that point.

# Contemporary Evidence of the Topic

* Today, the Hunger Games take place every year when one male and one female from each district are chosen and must fight to the death until one victor remains. The tributes are between the ages of 12 and 18 years old and are chosen at random by an escort sent from the Capitol. This selection is called the reaping ceremony.
* When the tributes are announced any other reaping-age child from the district may volunteer in the tribute’s place. Volunteering is less common in the higher number districts as they see the Games as a death sentence. Lower number districts have a much different view of the Games and see it as an honor to participate and spend their time training while growing up. For this reason, it is much more common for these districts to have tributes that volunteer.
* The Capitol views the Hunger Games as entertainment and watches the games live, often making bets on who will win.
* It is understood that the Hunger Games are an essential yet tragic event, but many still resist the Games.

# References and Research Resources

* <https://thehungergames.fandom.com/wiki/The_Hunger_Games_Wiki>
* <https://75thhungergames.weebly.com/all-about-panem.html>

# Note to the Delegates

* *The Hunger Games* movies and book series are a very popular source of entertainment for young adults.
* *The Hunger Games* is an important topic to discuss because it examines a totalitarian government where the citizens are oppressed based on their districts.
* The scope of this topic expands beyond the fictional concept and can be applied to international issues of corrupt systems of governments, class-based

discrimination, suppression of ideas and other freedoms, poverty, starvation, and war.

* The Hunger Games are set in a dystopian society and take place in a country called Panem. The country was formed from what we know as North America and includes 12 districts and the Capitol.

# Notes for this Conference

* This conference will take place before the 74th annual Hunger Games

◆ This means you do not have to consider any of the events that follow the first movie/ book.

◆ You also do not need to draw a focus on the characters in the Hunger Games series (Katniss Everdeen or Peeta Mellark) as those individuals competed in the 74th Hunger Games which has not taken place yet in this conference.

* You will be assigned a district and you must represent your district's views on the hunger games and come to a solution with your fellow delegates.
* Make sure you fully understand your district’s specific views and opinions on the Hunger Games so you can accurately argue their position.
* *Think about why some districts may value the Hunger Games.*
* *Think about the reason some districts resist the Hunger Games*
* *Also consider the risks of not addressing this controversial issue.*

**Please include upon registration what District(s) your delegates would like:**

The Capitol

District 1

District 2

District 3

District 4

District 5

District 6

District 7

District 8

District 9

District 10

District 11

District 12

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