

## **BASIC MORALITY**

Would you volunteer for someone to go to the Hunger Games?

If you were forced to be in the Hunger Games, do you think it would be okay to kill?  
Kill Caleb? Kill Rue?

## **DESENSITIZATION TO VIOLENCE**

Do you think the Hunger Games is like Reality TV? How? Do we like watching other people suffer?

Do you think the Hunger Games is too violent for kids?

Are there any "Hunger Games" in real life? Is there anywhere that children are forced to kill each other?

To us, the idea of watching children kill each other is shocking and horrifying. What might make it less horrifying for us?

How do we react to violence on TV? Are we as shocked NOW at violence on TV as we would have been 20 years ago, or 40 years ago? Why?

## **FEMALE ROLE MODELS**

How does Katniss Everdeen compare with Bella Swan, from the Twilight Series. Who do you think is a better role model for girls?

Who do you think is better for Katniss? Peeta or Gale? Why?

What are Katniss' strengths? What are her weaknesses?

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Is there a similarity between the economics of Panem and the economics of the world we live in? Who are the districts in the real world? Who are the Capitol?

(Each district has only one industry, intended on serving the capitol, rather than being allowed to diversify their economies to become self sufficient. Third World countries are forced to do the same in the real world, because they are forced to produce products for the developed world so that they can pay off their own national debts, rather than develop the resources to feed their own people.)