Chapter 2

Vocabulary

condone – to accept (something wrong or offensive); to excuse or forgive

dissent – disagreement, opposition

mesmerized – hypnotized; captivated

protocol – a standard procedure or practice

relentless – unstoppable; persistent

synonymous – having the same meaning

tenuous – fragile, delicate

valor – courage, bravery

vaporized – reduced to nothing; destroyed

weal – a raised mark on the skin resulting from a blow

1. What does Katniss do as Prim is about to climb onto the stage to accept her fate? Why is her action shocking?

2. Although Katniss is upset and emotionally overwhelmed, she refuses to cry. Why?

3. According to Katniss, what is the “boldest form of dissent” that the citizens of District 12 can manage?

4. Describe the unexpected gesture that the members of the crowd make toward Katniss. What does it signify?
5. When Katniss learns that Peeta Mellark will be the male tribute, she reacts with distress and alarm. Why does she feel conflicted about this situation?

6. Find an example of personification Katniss uses in her description of stumbling around in the rain searching for food.

7. What does the dandelion symbolize in the following quote? How is it connected to Peeta in Katniss's mind?

“To this day, I can never shake the connection between this boy, Peeta Mellark, and the bread that gave me hope, and the dandelion that reminded me that I was not doomed.”