Chapter 15

Vocabulary

- anoint – to rub or smear
- coexist – to exist at the same time, in the same place, or together in peace
- leaching – draining
- manifest – to appear
- noxious – disgusting, horrible; toxic
- onslaught – an attack or assault
- parsnip – a type of root vegetable related to the carrot
- pervades – fills; spreads through
- stamen – the male reproductive organ of a flower
- surreal – bizarre; dreamlike; unreal
- tentatively – with caution; hesitantly
- wispy – thin, delicate
- wracked – ruined, destroyed

1. The tracker jacker venom causes Katniss to experience repeated nightmares consisting of all the things she dreads most. What does this effect indicate about the power of the Capitol? What might the creatures symbolize?

2. As Katniss tastes the honeysuckle nectar, what memories come flooding back to her? What thought from her current situation ultimately breaks through her daydream?

3. What does Katniss propose to Rue? What is Rue’s response?
4. As Katniss and Rue talk, they compare and contrast their respective districts. What district is Rue from, and what do the people do there? Describe the ways in which Rue’s district differs from Katniss’s.

5. Why does Katniss think that the Gamemakers might be censoring the conversation between her and Rue?

6. When Rue sees the glasses in Katniss’s pack, she gasps. What does she know about the glasses that Katniss does not? What are they really used for?

7. What does Katniss reveal about Peeta as she and Rue settle down for the night? What information does Rue give to Katniss in return?

8. Katniss tells Rue that if Peeta did intentionally save her, then it must have been part of his act: “You know, to make people think he’s in love with me.” Why does she not want to admit that Peeta may have saved her for unselfish reasons?

9. At the end of the chapter, Katniss says that she has a plan. What do you think her plan involves?