Chapter 25

Vocabulary

- asphyxiation – death from lack of air; suffocation
- attributes – qualities, characteristics
- callously – cruelly, heartlessly
- disclosed – revealed, made known
- hollowly – without feeling; vacantly
- inadvertently – accidentally, without intent
- revoked – cancelled, withdrawn; annulled
- tourniquet – a strong bandage or tie that is used to stop blood loss
- vengeance – revenge, payback

1. Describe the creatures that have leapt out of the woods to menace Katniss, Peeta, and Cato.

2. What does Katniss suddenly realize as she looks into the human-like eyes of one of the creatures? What worries her the most about the creatures?

3. Explain how Katniss saves Peeta from Cato. How does Peeta help her to accomplish this feat?

4. The suffering of others as a form of entertainment is a major theme in the novel. How is this theme emphasized as Katniss and Peeta listen to Cato’s terrible moaning? Why do the Gamemakers not just order the mutts to kill Cato and put him out of his misery?
5. How does Cato ultimately meet his death?

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6. After the hovercraft retrieves Cato’s body, Katniss and Peeta wait for one to retrieve them, as the Games should now be over; however, nothing happens. Suddenly, the voice of Claudius Templesmith thunders into the arena. What announcement does he make? What is the reason for this announcement?

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7. After the announcement, what does Peeta do with his knife? What does Katniss do with her bow? Why do they take these actions?

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8. What do Peeta and Katniss do in the final scene of the chapter, and why? What is the result of their action?

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