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## BACKGROUND PAPER

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**Topic:** Reinstatement of the Hunger Games as a punishment for capitol citizens.

**Hunger Games Committee**

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# Committee Background



After the second rebellion on the capitol, led by now interim president Coin. The committee was established to address the challenges and complexities arising from the aftermath of the rebellion to overthrow the Capitol's authoritarian regime. Diverse districts joined in the mission to reconcile, promote stability, and facilitate the reconstruction of a more equitable and just society in Panem.

The rise and fall of the Capitol's oppressive regime marked a tumultuous chapter in Panem's history. Following the rebellion, the districts rallied in the pursuit of freedom and justice. However, the transition to a new era brought with it a myriad of challenges, including political tensions, social inequalities, and the need for comprehensive reconciliation efforts.

The committee examines the ongoing challenges faced by the districts in the post-rebellion era. These challenges surround not only the physical and infrastructural aspects of rebuilding but also the process of healing societal wounds, addressing historical grievances, and fostering a renewed sense of unity among the districts.

# Topic Background

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After the Rebellion, there were calls for the "complete annihilation" of Capitol citizens. The interim government of Panem opposed this idea, not on moral grounds, but in order to maintain a sustainable population. District 13's President Alma Coin, also the interim head of state for the whole country, put forward a proposal.

The proposal was that the children of the Capitol's highest officials should be reaped to participate in one "final, symbolic Hunger Games." Known as the 76th hunger games. If approved, the new Games would be announced with the support of the victors, but votes would remain anonymous for their own security.



# General History

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## The Formation of Panem

In the annals of history, Panem emerged from the tumultuous aftermath of the Dark Days, a period of intense civil strife and rebellion against the Capitol's oppressive regime. Faced with the districts' uprising, the Capitol unleashed a devastating counteroffensive, ultimately suppressing the rebellion and imposing the Treaty of Treason. Under this treaty, the Capitol consolidated its power and reorganized the remaining twelve districts into the nation of Panem. Named after the Latin expression "Panem et Circenses," signifying "bread and circuses," the Capitol sought to control the populace through a combination of economic dominance and lavish entertainment.

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## The Creation of the Hunger Games

As a measure to prevent future uprisings and remind the districts of their subjugation, the annual Hunger Games were created. A televised spectacle, the Games demanded each district to send a male and female tribute to participate in a televised fight to the death. This harrowing event served as both punishment for past rebellion and a chilling deterrent against future insurrection. The Hunger Games became a symbol of the Capitol's absolute authority, manipulating the masses through a combination of spectacle and brutality. The legacy of these games would resonate through the years, leaving an indelible mark on the history of Panem and the collective consciousness of its citizens.

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## The Reign of President Snow

The ascendancy of President Coriolanus Snow marked a pivotal chapter in Panem's history. A cunning and ruthless leader, Snow navigated the political landscape with Machiavellian prowess, solidifying his grip on power. Employing a strategy of fear and manipulation, Snow quelled dissent and neutralized any threats to the Capitol's authority. His presidency was characterized by a relentless pursuit of control, fueled by a desire to maintain order at any cost. Snow's regime witnessed the further entrenchment of social inequalities, with the Capitol enjoying opulence while the districts languished in poverty.



## The Second Panem Rebellion

In the chronicles of Panem, the Second Rebellion stands as a testament to the enduring spirit of resistance against the Capitol's oppressive rule. As the citizens of the districts bore the weight of inequality and brutality, whispers of dissent spread like wildfire. The spark that ignited the flames of rebellion came from the unlikelyst of sources, a symbol of hope and defiance born from the ashes of despair.

The Mockingjay, a figure who emerged from the ruins of District 12, embodied the spirit of rebellion. Katniss Everdeen, the reluctant face of this uprising, united the districts in their common quest for freedom. The Mockingjay's rallying cry echoed through the airwaves, inspiring acts of defiance and solidarity. The districts, long oppressed and relegated to the shadows, rose in unison, challenging the Capitol's stranglehold on power.

District by district, the rebellion gained momentum, fueled by a desire for justice and an end to the Hunger Games. The Capitol, caught off guard by the scale of dissent, responded with ruthless force, attempting to quell the rebellion before it could reach a critical mass. Battles raged in the streets, and the once-impenetrable facade of Capitol control began to crack.

In a climactic confrontation, the rebels breached the Capitol's defenses, converging on the heart of President Snow's regime. The Capitol's intricate web of manipulation and fear proved no match for the collective will of the districts. President Snow, facing imminent defeat, clung to the remnants of his authority, resorting to desperate measures to maintain his grip on power.

As the rebels closed in, the Capitol's reign of terror crumbled, paving the way for a new era in Panem. The Second Rebellion, though fraught with sacrifice and loss, marked the triumph of resilience over oppression. The Mockingjay's song resonated as a hymn of liberation, ushering in a period of reconstruction and healing for Panem, as the nation grappled with the scars of its tumultuous past and embarked on the challenging journey toward a more just and equitable future.



# Individual Perspectives

Known positions:

In favor	Against
Johanna Mason	Peeta Mellark
Enobaria	Annie Cresta
Katniss Everdeen	Beetee Latier
Haymitch Abernathy	-

# Committee Focus

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The committee must grapple with the profound moral implications of subjecting the Capitol's own populace to the horrors endured by the districts for decades. The debate hinges on the tension between justice and revenge, as committee members confront the ethical challenges posed by utilizing a punitive measure once considered heinous by the very districts now proposing its reinstatement.

The welfare and rights of individuals, especially innocent Capitol citizens, are paramount in the committee's deliberations. Concerns about the psychological and physical well-being of those who would be thrust into the arena as a form of punishment demand careful examination. The committee must weigh the moral imperative to protect all citizens against the backdrop of an unconventional proposal rooted in historical injustice.



# Participation List

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| 1.- District 1   | 12.- District 12        |
| 2.- District 2   | 13.- District 13        |
| 3.- District 3   | 14.- Capitol            |
| 4.- District 4   | 15.- Coin               |
| 5.- District 5   | 16.- Katniss Everdeen   |
| 6.- District 6   | 17.- Peeta Mellark      |
| 7.- District 7   | 18.- Haymitch Abernathy |
| 8.- District 8   | 19.- Johanna Mason      |
| 9.- District 9   | 20.- Beetee Latier      |
| 10.- District 10 | 21.- Annie Cresta       |
| 11.- District 11 | 22.- Enobaria           |

# KEY TERMINATION

## Dark Days

The Dark Days is a term commonly used to describe the collapse of the First Rebellion in Panem, which occurred 74 years prior to the beginning of the series.

## Tribute

2 inhabitants of the 12 districts chosen to be forced to participate in the game's annuals created by the capitol.

## Districts

They are nation-states, each district is responsible for producing, acquiring, and perfecting goods in a particular industry dictated by the Capitol.

## Capitol

The federal government, the city where the most powerful citizens live, each year forces the districts to choose two tributes to face each other in the hunger games.

## Rebels

It refers to individuals who challenge the authority of the Capitol, either by verbal dissent or armed insurrection.

## Peacekeeper

They are the military force controlled by the Capitol and are responsible for maintaining law and order through the nation of Panem.

## Avox

They are people who have committed a crime, and their tongues are cut out so that they cannot speak.

## Victors

Victors are tributes who have won previous Hunger Games.

# KEY TERMINATION

## Victors Village

The Victors' Village is a wealthy neighborhood in every district where past victors of the Hunger Games reside.

## Arena

An arena is a large, enclosed, outdoor area where the Hunger Games were held each year.

## Cornucopia

giant horn, whose interior is provided with a large amount of supplies - clothing, sleeping bags, weapons, water, food, medicine, among others - all of which are decisive elements to survive the games; Owning them makes the difference between life and death

## Reaper

Reaper is the male tribute from District 11.

## Reaping

A reaping is an annual event that takes place in every district before each Hunger Games, where the tributes of the upcoming Games are chosen.

## Mentor

He is the person in charge of preparing and training each of the tributes to survive in the games, he is the one who teaches combat strategies and how to obtain the favor of the sponsors.

## Mockingjay

The mockingjay is a bird that was created through the unintended mating of mockingbirds and jabberjays.

# KEY TERMINATION

## Careers tribute/ district

Were tributes who trained throughout their life to compete in the Hunger Games.

## Rebellion

Was a major civil war in Panem which lasted three years, ending seventy-four years before the beginning of The Hunger Games trilogy.

## Game maker

They are people from the Capitol who design and plan the Hunger Games each year and control the arena during the Games.

## Force field

They are invisible electric fields set up by the Capitol that are used to prevent tributes from escaping the arena and any other places so they won't run away from the Games.

## Victor's tour

It is an annual occasion when the Capitol required the most recent victor to travel across Panem with their mentor, escort, prep team, and stylist.

## Second rebellion bombing

The Second Rebellion was a major civil war in Panem which began approximately seventy-five years after the conclusion of the First Rebellion. The conflict pitted Panem's totalitarian regime, led by President Coriolanus Snow, against the disparate rebel forces of the twelve outlying districts, supported and nominally led militarily by the forces of the independent District 13, headed by President Alma Coin.

## Panem

Fictional country, president snow.

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