

develop this point - why is it depressing?

I get the impression that District 12 is a sad, and depressing coal mining town. Collins' use of the word 'crawling' in reference to the coal miners is interesting because it is a verb [Nice zoom!](#) commonly used for insects and it dehumanises the residents of District 12. When Collins says that the miners have hunched shoulders that means that they have given up hope that they will ever free them of their eternal servitude. Collins mentions that the residents have 'long since stopped trying to scrub the coal dust out of their broken nails, the lines of their sunken faces.' This indicates that they may be feeling hopeless, dejected and therefore not taking care of themselves because they know that there is no way for them to get out of the vicious cycle of being overworked. Collins may have been inspired to describe District 12 in such a way because she was trying to raise awareness about the governments that enslave poverty-stricken people from other countries by promising good pay and living conditions whereas the reality is the complete opposite. [nice link to purpose!](#)

Great idea

Good point!

I have reason to believe that the people of District 12 are made to feel like they are prisoners. Collins says that there is a 'high chain-link fence topped with barbed-wire loops,' which makes me feel like it is a prison camp. When she says that the chain-link fence is meant to keep out packs of wild dogs and other animals, I feel that it is less meant to keep out the animals but more meant to keep the residents of District 12 in. When it is mentioned that they only get a few hours of electricity in the evening if they are lucky this implies they usually spend their nights with no light save for the few candles they might have. Collins may have gotten the idea from the Jewish concentration camps that the Nazis created during the second world war. [Yes! Nice link - what would she suggest through this?](#)

yes! what could you zoom in on to justify that view?