

Write a PEEZL paragraph in response to this question: ‘Collins’ novel is about more than just survival in the arena; she conveys important ideas about our real world through it’. Explain your view.

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I agree with this statement. I believe that through the idea of weapons, she points a subtle finger at the use of weapons in the real world. Specifically the use of guns in America.

what do you think she suggests about that?

evidence

Katniss has use of a bow throughout the text; the first bow that she uses is one that her father has made; she claims that it ‘is a rarity, crafted by my father’ and which she uses after his death. This could be a subtle hint at the belief in America that guns are a right passed down through generations. [This is an interesting idea](#)

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Secondly, the bow which Katniss uses in the games is symbolic of her security. It is her way of defending herself against oncoming attacks; it’s her recourse for food gathering and her tool for killing, thus giving her a feeling of safety and confidence. This is important to her due to the hostility and unpredictable nature of her environment. Perhaps this is linked to the uncertainty of the world we live in.

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The bow is described as ‘waiting to be engaged’; the noun waiting creates the idea of urgency and a pull towards the bow. It personifies the bow and adds to the tension in the text by creating an action and leaving it unfulfilled. The adjective ‘engaged’ suggests a strong connection to the bow; it is also a word strongly linked with war, as it suggests strong commitment; you don’t play at war or give it a go; you engage in war. Thus creating strong bonds between the bow and the person who engages with it. [what does that show about Katniss and the issue you discuss?](#)

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All together, this shows Katniss’s dependency on her weapon. Linking this to the idea of guns, we can see how Collins creates the idea that, in America, people are dependent on their guns due to the fact that they could be in danger without one and that they own them simply because they view it as a right. The representation in the texts forces you to consider whether the right to own such weapons is worth the destruction they can cause.

Lovely link

[This is an interesting idea that you present and you support it well with explanation and zooming into symbolism as well as other methods. It’s great that you identify a range of methods in your Zoom, although some of the explanations need to be clearer.](#)

[I can absolutely see that you are pushing yourself and upping your challenge because of the complex nature of your idea and the way you have started to use the PEEZL steps in a different way.](#)

[I can certainly see that this is moving forward. Remember to maintain full explanations and clarity as you do so.](#)