After you have read Chapter 5, answer the questions in full sentences.

1. What is the focus of Katniss’s beauty treatment? (p.75)
2. What has Octavia done to her body? (p.75)
3. What is different about the way Cinna looks compared to the other people from the Capitol? What does this suggest about Cinna as a character?
4. Why is it so important that Katniss makes a good impression at the parade?
5. Why is it important that Peeta and Katniss hold hands?

Discuss in small groups

As soon as Katniss is selected for the Hunger Games, she realises that how she looks or appears is critical to her success in the games. She not only has to perform well in the field, but she has to get the audience’s sympathy whilst she does it.

- What lies does Katniss tell about herself to the people of Panem?
- How does she tell these lies?
- In what ways does Katniss make it look like she’s enjoying herself?

NB Quotations are taken from the Scholastic (2009) edition of the text.