Catching Fire Discussion Questions

Chapter 1-5

1. How does President Snow's visit affect Katniss's plans to leave District 12?
2. What internal struggle is Katniss having since she and Peeta won the Hunger Games?
3. How has life changed for Katniss, her mother, and her sister, Prim?
4. What about for Gale? Even though he wasn't in the Hunger Games, his life has changed. How is it different? Why did his life change?
5. What do Peeta and Katniss witness in District 11?

Chapter 6-9

1. How does Katniss react when she sees Gale being beaten? Why is this dangerous for her, her family, and Gale?
2. Why is Gale being punished? What do you think of this punishment and the reason for it?
3. Haymitch is more likable in the beginning of *The Hunger Games* sequel than he is in the first book. Find two examples where Haymitch is acting out of concern for Peeta and Katniss or where he seems more likable.
4. Why does Katniss leave her home and go into the woods?
5. What does she find there? And what surprises her about what she finds?

Chapters 10-15

1. What is different about the fence when Katniss tries to return home? How does she solve her problem?
2. How do you feel about the information that Katniss learns in the forest? Do you believe the two people? Does Katniss?
3. Why do you think the fence is different? Do you think the Capitol knows what she is doing?
4. Explain the special rules for this year's Hunger Games, The Quell, and how the rules will affect Peeta, Katniss, and Haymitch.
5. You finally learn about Haymitch and his experience in the arena. What was different about his year as a tribute? Why do you feel like he has a problem with alcohol? How else could he solve his problems?

Chapters 16-18

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2. What does Haymitch want Katniss and Peeta to do with the other tributes. Do you think this is a good idea given what you know about *The Hunger Games* book one?
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4. What does Cinna turn Katniss into during her interview? What do you think will happen to Cinna? Would you have acted like Cinna even if you would have to risk punishment?
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Chapter 24-End

1. How do the jabberjays torture Katniss and Finnick?
2. How does Peeta and Katniss's relationship grown in this section of *Catching Fire*?
3. What is Betee trying to do with the wire and the lightning strike? Does it work? Why or why not?
4. What is the twist at the end of the novel? Were you surprised? What do you think will happen in the last book of the *Hunger Games* trilogy?
5. Does Katniss have a right to be upset with Haymitch? How would you feel?