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MIDDLE MATTERS



Students in Cheri Quirk's ELA classes read a novel called *The Hunger Games*, a novel about a girl who must survive living in a dystopian society. Students completed many writing activities for this novel unit. For the paragraphs and projects on this page, students were to imagine that Titusville was a district like those in *The Hunger Games*. The brainstormed the different types of businesses that exist in Titusville and what it is historically known for. Their paragraph journal entries and maps show Titusville as a district of Panem. They also included ideas that show how they would survive living in a dystopian society.

Titusville Hunger Games

By: Nevaeh Fink



in that creek. The fish tastes better in the creeks that are forbidden. The people mainly spend their days working in the oil shipping store, but Savana and I sneak out to go to a shop that's called Lilian's Lounge. It's our way of breaking free from being watched. Today was the day that two tributes were selected to be put into the Hunger Games. I was so nervous. The first tribute that was selected to be in the Hunger Games was my best friend, Savana. I was so shocked that Savana was selected. I don't know who I am going to sneak out with since Savana was selected to be in the Hunger Games. I hope she wins. I have never spent a day without her and I know things are going to be hard without her by my side. She is very determined and I think she can win. I have to go say my goodbyes before she is off to the capital.

I am Nevaeh and I live in Titusville. Titusville is one of the districts in Panem. Our district supplies oil for the capital. My best friend is Savana and we always go down to the creek to catch fish for our family. The creeks are filled with fish so it's makes it easy for us to find food. The problem is that the creeks are not in the areas that the people are allowed to catch fish in. The creeks we fish in have a special type of fish that is only

District of Titusville

By: Ty Witosky



strict about what you can and can't do. They have banned trading in this district, so it makes things harder for me. I've been going through dumpsters to find stuff I can illegally trade. I have had this tree in my backyard for a long time, and I've never really thought much of it... until recently. Since the Capitol is always watching every district, I have had little privacy. I built a tree house inside the tree in my backyard, and I finally have some of the privacy I want. We also have a secret market where you can trade stuff called The Block. The Block is in an old abandoned school. Thankfully, no peacekeepers have found out about the block or we all might as well be dead.

My name is Dwayne "The PEBBLE" Witosky, and today, The Capitol made a new district. The District is Titusville, which is strange because the other districts have numbers. Titusville is known for supplying oil to the Capitol. We also supply plastic and other materials to the Capitol. This district is very

Home Town Hunger Games

By: Sagel Ricke



Hello journal, I am Sagel Ricke and I live in Titusville. Titusville is a district of Panem that manufactures oil. Titusville supplies to the Capitol everything that oil is used for. I normally secretly hunt in the woods to keep my family and me alive.

We have a secret market downtown where we can buy and sell stuff. I try to sell the things that I hunt at the secret market to get something different, but I normally get no buyers. My best friend's name is Willow Perkins. Willow and I hunt in the woods together to feel free from being watched. I believe that the best animal we have gotten together was probably a deer. Willow's dad is normally at the secret market downtown selling the herbs Willow collects. The secret market is called "The Titusville Market". My father's work is to transport the oil and the oil products we manufacture to the train system to send to the Capitol.

The Life We Live

By: Sydney Morgan



I woke up to all the workers heading to work. All the men have to work at Titusville Oil Company starting at 16. Women are just housewives and mothers. Some women work but most chose to be a housewife and mother. I'm going to own a bakery. I love to bake, especially when it's for our district. Everyone works so hard to please

the Capitol and I want to reward them with a tasty treat. I want to start at 16 and name it 'Squid the Kid's Tasty Treats'. My family wants me to just be a housewife and a mother like all the other women in my family. They all wanted to start a bakery, but they never were brave enough. Most bakers get shut down by the capital because they have good business, or they get picked for the Hunger Games. I'm going to keep my bakery undercover. Every customer has to sign a contract that they will tell no one outside of our district that I have a bakery. I don't care if no one thinks it's a good idea; I think I will succeed and everyone who doubted me would be an everyday customer.

Living in Panem

By: Arik Yochum

I am Fredrick 12th and I am from Titusville, PA. In Titusville, we manufacture and supply oil to the Capitol. I go beyond the border and collect meat and herbs, then I take it to Walmart and that is how we trade. I find freedom at Drake Well, where there are no guards on the watch. I have been in many situations where I have almost been caught beyond the border. Mostly when I go to enjoy the view is when somebody gets hurt. My freedom doesn't

matter; my family matters to me and I need to feed them. If I don't get them the food, we will all starve. A few days without eating is pushing it most of the time and I have to find food at least once a day. Every day, all I can think of is what the world would be like if have everyone I love died. Back in the woods, I go to find more herbs and all I can find are the poisonous ones for miles around. I make money only once every 2 weeks and that's why I trade.

Tributes of Titusville

By: Ella Lavery



to the colorful murals, this district really could fit any type of person. For our female tribute this year we have Ruby Glenmark, a seventeen-year-old daughter of the most famous jewelry maker in all Panem. But if I were the other tributes, I wouldn't let her good looks fool you. This girl is the stealthiest, most lethal tribute I have seen in a while. As for the boy, we have Casper Benson, a 15-year-old son of an oil driller. Now this boy may look small and weak, but he has the brains of at least seven grown men. Growing up, his father was always at work so he couldn't show him how to be an oil driller. Instead, Casper's mother homeschooled him and taught him everything he knows. I'd say the other tributes are in for a treat with these two, and with my mentorship, they will really be unstoppable.

Today was reaping day and I believe Titusville has some promising tributes this year. We need some people to really represent us and what we bring to the table. We have been supplying the Capitol with oil for years. Maybe this year our tributes' outfits won't just be black and shiny. I really hope the stylists do something extravagant, like a few years ago with those District 12 tributes. As a mentor, I have seen lots of sights in this town and really love its charm. From the beautiful hiking trails

Titusville of Panem Maps

For this assignment, students created a map of Titusville and divided it into twelve districts, the Capitol and the Arena. In the districts, students added resources that mirrored this area. They also created activities that their Tributes were to capture (not kill) other Tributes in the arenas that they made. Their Tributes' steps through the arena are shown by the dotted line.



The map above was created by Willa Kirvan and Isa Mucha. Below is a map created by Hailey McQuiston and Ariana Warner. In both maps, the outline of Titusville can be seen. The city of Titusville is the arena for the Tributes created by these students.

