

## CHAPTER IV

### DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

In this chapter, I want to answer the problem formulation “How does Katniss show her American self-reliance?”. There are four types of self-reliance according to Emerson: (1) individual’s will, (2) originality and creativity, and (3) self-reliance. The following are the discussion based on Katniss’ actions and sayings.

#### 4.1. Individual’s Will

The first characteristic of self-reliance according to Emerson’s philosophy is believing in oneself’s strength. He claims that “to believe on your own thought, to believe that what is true for you in your private heart is true for all men-- that is genius”. (Emerson, 1841, p.1) According to Emerson, people must believe in their selves and what their heart says. People must not believe what others say but believe in what they see and think. Believing in our self does not only mean believing in it and doing nothing about it, but instead must follow up by doing an action to support that belief. Emerson also teaches the following:

Trust thyself: every heart vibrates to that iron string. Accept the place the divine providence has found for you, the society of your contemporaries, the connection of events. Great men have always done so, and confided themselves childlike to the genius of their age, betraying their perception that the absolutely trustworthy was seated at their heart, working through their hands, predominating in all their being. And we are now men, and must accept in the highest mind the same transcendent destiny; and not

minors and invalids in a protected corner, not cowards fleeing before a revolution, but guides, redeemers, and benefactors, obeying the Almighty effort, and advancing on Chaos and the Dark. (1841, p.1)

The citation above informs that great people have always trusted within themselves ever since they were children. Thus, when people have become adults, the trust in one self becomes stronger. With this strong self-confidence, people would find also the hidden self. It is the strength of the hidden self, which contains the full capability of oneself to do numerous skills, as this will overcome any boundaries or weakness.

In the film, *The Hunger Games*, Katniss Everdeen is the main character, who shows how her self-confidence has made her strong in pursuing her own and society's dream of being independent from the over ruling Capitol. The following are the discussions of Katniss' actions that show proof of her self-trust.

#### **4.1.1 Katniss' volunteering action**

Katniss is qualified as a person who shows belief in her own self from the time she decided to replace Prim, her younger sister, as a Tribute to a game organized by the Capitol. The Capitol is the centre of a government, who leads members of District groups. The Capitol often organizes a game called *The Hunger Games*. In the game, the Capitol would randomly pick and force one boy and one girl from certain Districts to play to death for the sake of amusement. Knowing that Prim, is forced to play the game, Katniss decides to save her younger sister by volunteering for the game. She does this because she knows that being at such a young age, her sister will surely be killed in the game. So, Katniss comes into the arena and volunteered to help Prim go out and have herself in the game as Prim's replacement.



**Figure 1. Katniss becomes a volunteer**

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In order that the peacemaker, soldiers of the Capitol not hurt Prim, Katniss shouts the word “Volunteer” (see figure 1). The following conversation takes place among Ellie, Prim and Katniss.

Ellie : *(Picking up a paper and reads)* Primrose Everdeen.

Prim : *(Looking at her surrounding nervously)*

Ellie : where are you? Come up! come up!

Prim : *(walking slowly to the stage, but at the same time showing that she wants to run away)*

Katniss : *(Seeing her younger sister needs to be saved, Katniss runs to Prim)* Prim.. Prim..No..No.. I volunteer, I volunteer, I volunteer as a Tribute.

Ellie : *(Surprise by Katniss' action)* I believe we have a volunteer.

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In this scene, Ellie is the representative of the Capitol. She believes that whoever is picked to become a Tribute in the game should be proud, even though playing the game will always make one of the players die. So, when she calls out the name Prim,

she calls the name with a loud and proud voice. However, Prim is too young to fight. This is why she hesitates to go down to the stage and looks around for help. Fortunately, Katniss understands Prim's hesitation to become a Tribute from District 12. To save her sister, Katniss then comes into the arena and says "I volunteer". It is a surprising decision according to Ellie because it is unusual for someone to volunteer to die. Even Prim's and Katniss's mother prefers not to do anything in order not to break the command given by the Capitol. This is why Ellie says "I believe we have a volunteer". The words, "I believe" is used to signal the surprise but at the same time a saving face from the audience who may think that the Capitol is starting to be weak with its own orders. Because it is a rare occasion, the people of District 12 then gave Katniss a three-fingered gesture. The gesture is a sign that the people support Katniss's decision to become a voluntary Tribute. They hope that the gesture will give Katniss the support she needs to overcome her fear from the Capitol and the enemy she has to face to win the game that is hungry for the death of someone. In addition to showing support, the three-fingered gesture of the people of District 12 is a sign of the sadness or mourning for Katniss who is sacrificing herself for Prim (see figure 2).



**Figure 2. People in district 12 show their three fingered gesture**

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Katniss' action of volunteering herself as a tribute, according to me is a sign of practicing her individualism. Emerson says that to become an individual who has self-reliance, one must believe in one self, so I believe that Katniss is qualified for this. She believes in herself and that is why Katniss forces herself to have a strong heart to be brave and have courage to fight in the arena. She knows that she is putting herself in danger by becoming a hero for her sister. However, she believes that she has a better chance to win rather than her young, weak sister. If she does not have any belief in her own self, she will not make that decision.

Those who do not believe in oneself cannot make a decision like Katniss because there is doubt in oneself about how strong one can be as a Tribute. If most people would feel they may die from playing the game, for Katniss the fear is combated by her strong belief on how to survive and win the dangerous game for her sister. Katniss does not meet her society's expectation but she lives according to what she wants and believes. She believes that saving Prim is the right thing she can do as a sister. Katniss believes in herself about her fighting quality to win the game. This is why she decides to volunteer to replace her sister's condition

#### **4.1.2. Being honest with Rue**

*The Hunger Games* is a game which contests the physical and mental strength of citizens who live in different districts. Citizens who are eligible in playing the game can be as young as the age of 12 until 18. This can happen because of the criteria that in each household, one child must sacrifice him/ herself to save the family. It is no wonder that the chosen player, like Prim is not ready to participate in the game.

Rue is a 12 year old child that is chosen to participate in *The Hunger Games*. Although she is from a different districts from Katniss, Katniss treats Rue just like any other human being. Knowing that Rue is hungry, Katniss then make friends with Rue and offers her the food that she has. This situation can be seen from the dialogue below:

*(Rue hides from Katniss then Katniss takes a step closer to her)*

Katniss : Rue, its ok I am not gonnna hurt you.

*(Rue comes out from the behind of tree. Then Rue and Katniss are eating together)*

Katniss : You want mine, too?

Rue : No, that's ok.

Katniss : *(Chuckling)* Here

Rue : Thank you.

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Katniss offers the meat she has to Rue. She is not like any other Tribute or game participant. Most participants or players of the game would kill their enemy and think how they can win the game as soon as possible. In treating Rue, Katniss never sees her as a rival. Instead, Katniss treats Rue like her own younger sister who needs protection. Thus, when night came, Katniss offers her shoulder, so Rue can sleep to lessen her nervousness. When everybody else tries to kill each other to become a winner, Katniss just wants to stay alive and does not think about victory. This is why she lets Rue sleep on her shoulder.



**Figure 3. Giving Rue food**

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As seen in the screenshot, Katniss is giving Rue food even though she is still hungry. Katniss not only gives Rue food, Katniss also gives comfort to Rue, she also becomes a protector for Rue who is still very young. Katniss stays alert for Rue at night times. This makes Katniss especially original. She does not imitate other people and does something that is right for her. Katniss does not kill other Tributes just to win a game. Instead, she protects other Tributes, take cares of them and be friends with them because she knows that they are not her enemies. They are just people who have been forced into the game. She will only attack for self-defence. The real enemy is actually the Capitol.

#### **4.1.3. Being friendly with Peeta**

Katniss also becomes friendly with Peeta, who is supposed to be her enemy. One of the reasons of being friendly is because Katniss actually cares about Peeta who comes from the same district with her. With that attitude Katniss helps Peeta to find his confidence. When all the Tributes have training, Peeta trains himself by climbing the rope. When he climbs the rope suddenly he falls down and the other Tributes who see the accident give him a smirk face. Their face show that they are

mocking Peeta because of his weakness. Katniss sees what happens to Peeta, she tries to help Peeta and tells Peeta to show his power by picking up the ballast. Below are the figure and the dialogue in the scene:



**Figure 4. Other Tributes are laughing at Peeta**

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Figure 13 shows how the other Tributes, who see him failing to climb the rope, smirk at Peeta. They are mocking him thinking that he is weak and an easy target in the arena.



**Figure 5. Peeta falls down**

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Figure 14 shows hoe Peeta falls down from the rope. Peeta can feel that the other tributes see him as being weak. Therefore, they mock him.

Katniss : Throw that ballast over there

Peeta : What? (*Looking at the ballast*). No. Haymitch says we cannot show our power.

Katniss : I don't care about what Haymitch says. Those guys looking at you think that you are weak. Blow it.

*Peeta then walks towards the ballast, picks it up then throws it to hit the box of spears)*

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She tells Peeta to show his true self because she represents Emerson's philosophy that being honest to oneself and others is the best way of having a good relationship with others. Katniss knows that Peeta is strong and can also become a winner of the game. Thus, she tells Peeta to pick up the ballast (see figure 15) and destroys something.



**Figure 6. Peeta picks up the ballast**

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The action is to show his enemies that he has some power to make him become the winner and no longer be mocked by other just because he fails to climb the rope. Katniss helps Peeta show his inner real powers, so, she successfully helps Peeta to gain back his confidence. Figure 15 has shown Peeta, who follows Katniss' instruction and picks up the ballast. He tries to find his confidence after failing to climb the rope.



**Figure 7. The ballast's destruction**

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Figure 16 shows how the ballast that Peeta throws hits the box of spear. This action redeems his self-confidence after the embarrassing rope incident. He becomes more confident and believes in his inner self.

The scene above shows Peeta's power. He picks the ballast with one hand and then throws it. When other tributes see Peeta's action, they are very surprised and then stop laughing and doubting Peeta. They start gaining a little respect for Peeta. Katniss' action towards Peeta make people not look down at Peeta and Peeta gains more confidence.

## 4.2. Originality and Creativity

Emerson also has the philosophy to “Insist on yourself; never imitate” (1841, p. 18). In this philosophy, Emerson wants people to be original. In order to be original, it is important then to be honest to others. When people believe in their inner self, they will show their true self and not imitate others. This, however, also means that an individual must finish whatever they have accepted as their task and responsibility. “Every great man is unique” (1841, p. 18), which means that each individual should know their own strength.

Katniss understands that she has the responsibility to take care of her little sister, so when she decides to join the game, Katniss also understands that she should use all of her skills and strength to win the game. To win the game, however, she must rely on honesty and be original. The example in Individual’s will also the example of the originality and creativity

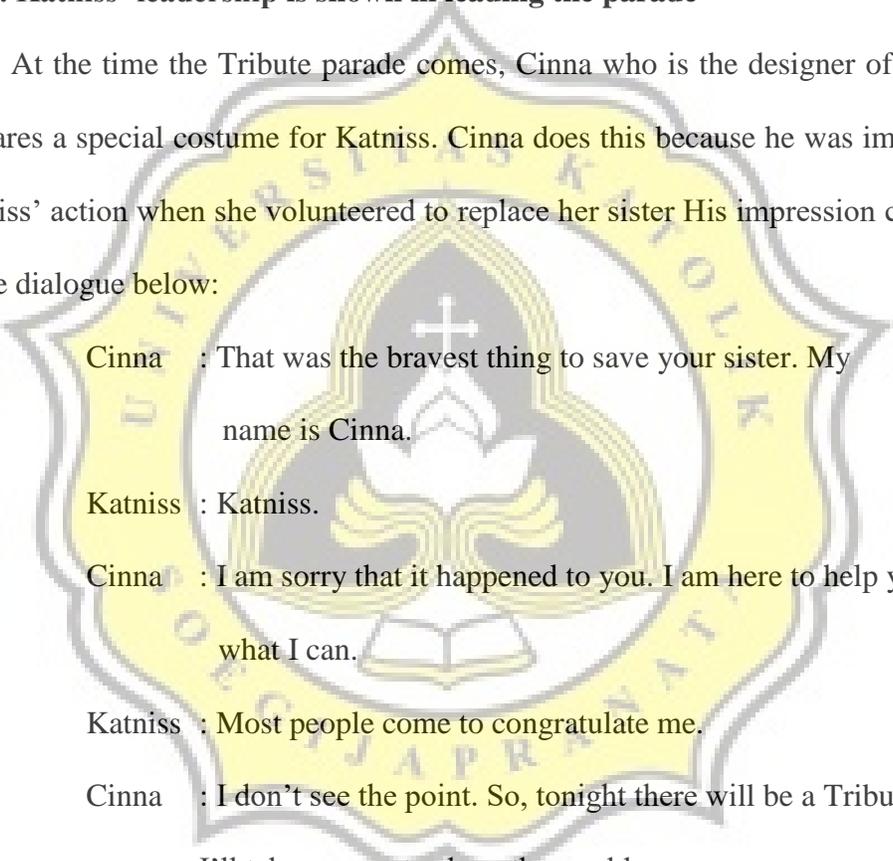
The first thing that people must do to maintain originality and self-reliance is to think about themselves, solve their own problems, and do what makes them happy. This is in line with Emerson’s philosophy, which reads: “What I must do is all that concerns me, not what the people think”. (1841, p. 5). I interpret that people must live for themselves, so they can do well with their own work. Life must be easy if one can live in his/ her own without being forced to do something that he/ she does not like.

Emerson claims “It is easy in the world to live after the world’s opinion; it is easy in solitude to live after our own; but the great man is he who in the midst of the crowd keeps with perfect sweetness the independence of solitude”. (1841, p. 5) This means that although in some cases we have to conform to society’s rules; it does not

mean that we need to sacrifice ourselves. We still have to uphold our main individual reasoning. Emerson stresses the point that: “I must be myself. I cannot break myself any longer for you, or you. If you can love me for what I am, we shall be the happier” .(1841, p. 14) This means that to be truly happy with one self, we need to think of our original needs of happiness, too.

#### 4.2.1. Katniss’ leadership is shown in leading the parade

At the time the Tribute parade comes, Cinna who is the designer of district 12 prepares a special costume for Katniss. Cinna does this because he was impressed by Katniss’ action when she volunteered to replace her sister His impression can be seen in the dialogue below:



Cinna : That was the bravest thing to save your sister. My name is Cinna.

Katniss : Katniss.

Cinna : I am sorry that it happened to you. I am here to help you with what I can.

Katniss : Most people come to congratulate me.

Cinna : I don’t see the point. So, tonight there will be a Tribute parade. I’ll take you up to show the world.

Katniss : So, you are here to make me look pretty?

Cinna : I will make you look impressive; they usually dress people according to their district.

Katniss : Yah we are coal miners...

Cinna : I would not do that. I am gonna do something that make them

remember. Did they explain to you how to get a sponsor?

Katniss : Yeah, but I am not good at making a friend.

Cinna : We'll see. I just think some brave person should not be dressed with a stupid costume.

(Ross, 2012, 00:29:45-00:30:41)

In the conversation above, Cinna shows some respect to Katniss because of her braveness. He also feels sorry that Katniss must be a Tribute because she must replace Prim. This is the first time Katniss heard something like that. Most people congratulate her because she becomes a Tribute. Cinna does not understand why people congratulate Katniss for taking a dangerous life. Cinna does not want Katniss to wear a dress like the people in the Capitol. He wants to give her a beautiful dress that makes people like her. He wants to make her remembered and get sponsors to win the game because she gives people a hope about a revolution. Cinna who was not brave enough to show his complaint against the Capitol tried to support Katniss with everything he can. This is why Cinna designs a beautiful dress to make people in the districts impressed and therefore, remember her. The costume that Cinna made can be seen in figure 4 below:



**Figure 8. Katniss in the Tribute parade**

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As seen in figure 4, when Cinna gives Katniss the black dress, he wants people to see Katniss' dress with black colour to show how independent she is. The black color is also a show of Katniss' power, dominance, braveness, and superiority. The fire that was lit by Cinna behind Katniss's black dress shows how his support is a sign that nobody can control Katniss. I interpret that the fire is also a form of hope for people who live in the cold and darkness. So, through Katniss' black dress Cinna wants other people to have faith in Katniss, whom he thinks can make a revolution and end the cruel game, *The Hunger Games*. Katniss' bravery makes her different. Other people who were in a similar situation may not be as brave as Katniss. This is why Katniss is respected by others. Katniss is not scared of others. She shows citizens in the district and Capitol that she is original.

#### **4.2.2. Katniss' leadership skill is shown by shooting the apple**

Following the training for *The Hunger Game*, Tributes are allowed to show their strength to get a sponsor. Luckily, Katniss' strong will to win the game has earned her a sponsor. From here, Katniss knows that she is being evaluated, so she tries her best to show that she is a game participant to remember like suggested by Haymitch:

Tomorrow they bring you one by one. They evaluate you. This is important to get a sponsor. This is the time to show them everything. There is a bow, make sure you use it (pointing at Katniss)... Peeta you make sure you show your strength. They will start with district one. The two of you will be the last. You must make sure they remember you.

*(When Katniss and Peeta go to the evaluation room and wait in the waiting room, Katniss look so nervous and surprised when finally called, so Peeta gave her support by telling her to shoot good)*

Woman voice : Katniss Everdeen.

Peeta : Katniss, shoot good.

(Ross, 2012,00:43:04-00:43:10)

Haymitch, who is Katniss and Peeta's coach, advice Katniss that they must make something to get the evaluators remember them. If Peeta should show his strength in fighting, then Katniss must show her bow and arrow skills well. By doing so, the evaluators should then give them both good points, and they will have a chance to get more sponsors to win the game. Katniss nervously walks into the evaluation room and takes her bow and arrow with Peeta trying to cheer her up by saying "shoot good!". She starts shooting but her first shot missed the target. The evaluators laugh and think that Katniss will surely lose the game, but Katniss does not give up. She tries to shoot the target again. This time she hit the target. Because the evaluator did not see Katniss' success, Katniss then shoots the apple in the evaluator's room to get the evaluator's attention (see figure 5). This action shows how independent and self-reliant Katniss is in mastering the bow and arrow game.



**Figure 9. Katniss is ready to shoot the apple**

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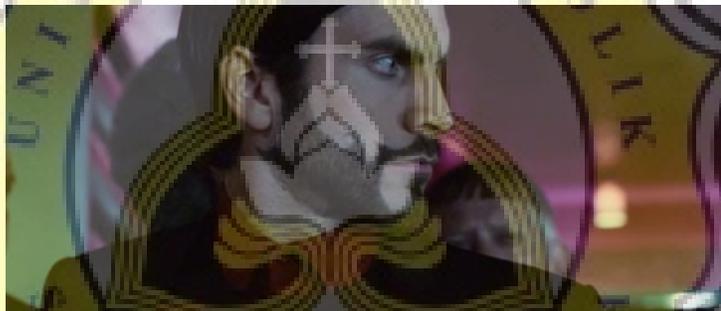
The apple that is in the evaluator's room is fortunately shot. This action has successfully caught the evaluator's attention.



**Figure 10. The apple that Katniss has shot**

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Seneca, the game maker looks startled after seeing Katniss' arrow shot the apple in the evaluator's room.



**Figure 11. The game maker who looks startled**

(Ross, 2012, 00:46:50)

Seneca is the game maker. He is the one who makes the hunger game. He can control the game as he wants. He never thought anyone could be as successful as Katniss, so he was genuinely startled in seeing what Katniss has done with her arrow (see figure 7). This scene proves that Katniss has her own way to get what she wants. She does what she believes in, she does not imitate other people. She shows, she can find her own way which makes her remembered by the game maker. There are different responses, however, with the people around Katniss. Below is the dialogue:

Effie : Are you crazy?

Katniss : I just got mad

Effie : Mad? Do you realize that your action affected badly to all of us not just you?

Cinna : It is a good show. It is fine

Effie : How about her bad manners Cinna? How about that? Well finally, I hope you realize that we have a serious situation (*talking to Haymitch who just come in*)  
*(Haymitch give his thumbs up)*

Haymitch : Nice shooting sweetheart. What... what... what... they do to you when you shot the apple?

Katniss : They look pretty startled  
*(Haymitch chuckling)*

Haymitch : You, did you say “thank you ..

Katniss and Haymitch : For your consideration”

Haymitch : Genius

(Ross, 2012, 00:47:02-00:47:45)

The dialogue shows how Effie, Cinna and Haymitch have responded to Katniss’ action of shooting her arrow on an apple. Effie thinks that Katniss does a bad action. She thinks that Katniss will make other competitors take *The Hunger Games* a place to show protest to the Capitol. She also thinks that Katniss actions will not give her a good score. By comparison, Cinna and Haymitch support Katniss. They think

that Katniss is a genius in attracting the evaluators of the game. Fortunately, Seneca gives 11 points to Katniss. This is a high score because he is impressed by Katniss' action. Unfortunately, President Snow is not. President Snow thinks that she was mocking the game. President Snow realizes that Katniss' action can promote rebellion and becomes a threat to the Capitol. Although knowing this, Seneca still gives a high score to Katniss.

President Snow : Eleven.

Seneca : She deserves it.

President Snow : She shot an arrow at your head.

Seneca : Well at an apple.

President Snow : Near your head. Sit down. Seneca. Why do we have a winner?

Seneca : What do you mean?

President Snow : Why do we have a winner? I mean if we want to intimidate all districts why don't we gather round twenty four tributes and execute them? That's faster. Hope

Seneca : Hope?

President Snow : Hope. This is the only thing stronger than fear. A little hope is effective. A lot of hope is dangerous. It is fine as long as we can contain.

Seneca : So?

President Snow : So, contain it!

Seneca : Right.

(Ross, 2012, 00:49:31-00:50:39)

The dialogue above shows how President Snow who asks Seneca about the points that Seneca gives to Katniss is being disappointed at Seneca.. Seneca, however, just says that she deserves it. Seneca is actually impressed by her action and that is why Katniss got a high score. President Snow, however, does not like the idea that the arrow is shot at Seneca. Yet, Seneca still does not mind because it shot the apple and not his head. This can be done only by skilled shooters like Katniss, so Seneca believes that Katniss should be the winner in the game. Upon this reaction, the President becomes impatient by asking Seneca what becomes the purpose of the game because Seneca does not seem to understand and care about it. The President then bluntly explains that the main reason is to kill everyone. The game is just an alibi for hope and fun. Hope is given to people who play the game, so anyone killed because of losing the game will not be protested by the people. With only a small number of those left to win, the Capitol is somehow given a legitimate reason to kill the larger number of people who lost the game.

The shooting of the apple above Seneca's head nevertheless proves that Katniss trusts herself highly. She knows she will not kill anyone because she does not have that intention. She just wants her attempt to attract the evaluators of the game with her success. Her main goal is to score highly and save her sister and family from being looked down by the Capitol. She wants to prove to the Capitol that she is not weak. She knows she is a strong survivor of the game because she can rely well on

her own self will. Shooting an apple is an example of how strong her determination is to win.

#### 4.2.3. Katniss' leadership skill is shown by her three- fingered gesture

In one of the game scene, Katniss is challenged to save Rue who is trapped in a net. Following Rue's call for help, Katniss finds Rue and releases Rue from the trap because Rue looks so worried, Katniss hugs Rue to make her feel comfortable. Unfortunately, when Rue starts to calm down, somebody throws a spear and it hit Rue's chest until Rue dies. Below is the conversation that takes place.

Rue : Katniss help!

*(Rue is trapped in the nets and Katniss tries to release her)*

Rue : Katniss... Katniss... Katniss.

Katniss : It's ok

*(They hug each other)*

Katniss : You're ok, you're ok, you're ok, see...

*(Suddenly, there is another tributes coming and throwing the spear so Katniss use her arrow to kill him but the spear hit Rue's chest)*

Katniss lets Rue's head on her lap

Katniss : It's ok, you're ok, you're ok

*(Rue cries silently)*

Rue : Did you blow the food?

Katniss : Yes.

Rue : Good. You have to win. Can you sing? *(Sobs)*

Katniss : Ok *(sobs)*

*While Katniss is singing, Rue dies.*

Katniss : I'm sorry (*sobs silently*)

*(Katniss zipped Rue's jacket and move Rue's head from her lap. She is screaming frustratedly because she cannot save Rue. Then she looks for a flower and puts it in Rue's side. She kisses Rue's forehead once again and leaves her. Then she shows the three-fingered gesture)*

(Ross, 2012, 01:39:00-01:43:28)

After Rue dies, Katniss shows her three-fingered gesture to make the audience of *The Hunger Games* sympathize with her (see figure 8 & 9) because of this, Katniss sees the importance of giving Rue a decent graveyard (see figure 10).



**Figure 12. The three fingered-gestured**

(Ross, 2012, 01:43:28)

Katniss shows three-fingered gesture to the camera after she gives a decent grave to Rue. The gesture is to show her sadness.



**Figure 13. People follow Katniss' action**

(Ross, 2012, 01:43:33)

People who sees Katniss action also do a three-fingered gesture that Katniss makes.



**Figure 14. Rue's death**

(Ross, 2012, 01:42:54)

Katniss is really sad about Rue's death even though it means that her enemy is lessened. Figure 10 shows how Katniss gives flowers to Rue from head to toe as a sign that every individual has the right to be alive. Because Rue died, it is then logical for Katniss to feel sad.

Although Katniss can have a better chance to win due to Rue's death, Katniss is not happy about it. Just like Prim, Rue is a person that has no choice but to join the game. So, by using the three-fingered gesture, Katniss successfully leads the people to understand that having *Hunger Games* is wrong. People should have a chance to experience their freedom, so in effect the people in the districts start to rebel (see figure 11) when seeing Katniss' three-fingered gesture. The people who become the audience of *The Hunger Games* rebel to show respect to Katniss, whom they see as a good leader for their society



**Figure 15. The rebellion**

(Ross, 2012, 01:43:53)

### 4.3. Self-Reliance

The key of self-reliance according to Emerson is also on the persistence to believe that seeking one's own way is not a selfish thing to do, but it shows how true someone can be to one's own intentions Emerson has said:

I will seek my own. I do this not selfishly, but humbly and truly. It is like your interest, and mine, and all men's, however as long as we have dwelt in lies, it is to live in truth. Does this sound harsh to-day? You will soon love what is dictated by your nature as well as mine, and, if we follow the truth, it will bring us out safely at last. (1941, p. 14)

I interpret that Emerson sees a good individual as a person who will seek her/his own way humbly and not selfishly. Other people cannot sacrifice themselves to make other people satisfied, so, to achieve it, one must do something for oneself. By doing it on one's own, then, he/ she will not regret his/ her own actions.

#### 4.3.1 Katniss' strong will to survive

The action that shows how Katniss is nervous and worried or concerned can be seen when she is asked for an advice to find shelter. The situation begins when she sees Peeta and Haymitch talking in the dining room. Peeta is the Tribute from district 12 and Haymitch is district 12's life advisor or the coach. When she saw Haymitch, she asks about how to find the best place for shelter. . Unfortunately, Haymitch did not give her the answer that she wants. She feels concerned because she asks a question on how to survive in the game but Haymitch does not give any advice. This situation can be seen in the conversation below:

Haymitch : You freeze to death first

Peeta : So, I can make a fire

Haymitch : Oh it is a good way to get kill

*(Katniss comes)*

Katniss : What is a good way to get killed?

Haymitch : Oh joy, would not you join us? I was giving him some life advices.

Katniss : Like what?

Peeta : I was asking how to find shelter.

Haymitch : It would be good in fact if you were still alive

Katniss : How do you find shelter?

Haymitch : Pass the jam

Katniss : HOW DO YOU FIND SHELTER?

Haymitch : Give me a chance to wake up sweetheart, self maintain is a task itself. Can you pass the marmalade?

*(Because Katniss did not get the answer she wants, she takes a knife and stabs it in the table between Haymitch's fingers)*

*(Ross, 2012, 00:26:05-00:26:51)*

From this conversation I can conclude that Haymitch gives Peeta some life advice but when Katniss also wants to know about it, Haymitch tries to avoid the answer of her question, “how to find shelter” by asking her to pass the marmalade jam. Haymitch’s behaviour makes Katniss angry. She thinks that Haymitch is rude by avoiding to answer her question. This is why she stabs a knife between Haymitch’s fingers. The scene can be seen in figure 3. It can be concluded that Katniss thinks highly about her

individual concern on how to stay alive in the game but she does not know how. So, she asks her mentor but gets no answer. This situation makes her frustrated so she takes that action of stabbing a knife on the table. She thinks if she does that Haymitch will then see how strong willed she is, and then answers her question.



**Figure 16. Katniss stabs a knife between Haymitch's fingers**

(Ross, 2012, 00:26:50)

Fortunately, what she thinks is right, Haymitch gives her an answer but the answer is not like what she wants. Haymitch only says: "To stay alive you must have a sponsor". (00:26:55)

Katniss' action is unusual because she almost stabs her coach's hand to survive in the game. She may be regarded as a selfish person, but surviving in the game is important for her because she promises her little sister that she will save the family. This action is proof that Katniss does practice self-reliance because she keeps true with her initial reason for being in the game, that is, to save her sister.

#### **4.3.2. Dare to eat the poisonous berries**

The main point of *The Hunger Games* is to have as many people killed, and thus, only leaving one winner. This is the reason why there should be at least two participants from each district. This makes them compete with each other and leave one as the ultimate winner.

In the middle of *The Hunger Games*, however, the rule changes from one to two winners from the same district, whom is Peeta and Katniss. So, when the master of the game changed the rule to only one to be crowned, Katniss suggests that they both eat the poisonous berries together. She thinks it does not make sense for anyone to win. So, by eating the poisonous berries together, both would die and leave no single winner. The following is the conversation between Peeta and Katniss:

Speaker : Attention Tributes. There is some rule changing. The rule that allow two victors from the same district has been omitted. Only one will be crowned. Good luck.

*(Katniss and Peeta silent for a moment)*

Peeta : Go ahead. One of us should go home. One must die so they have a victorious winner.

Katniss : No, they won't. Why should they?

*(Show poison berries)*

Peeta : No

Katniss : Trust me... trust me

*(They share the poison berries)*

Peeta : Together

Katniss : Together

Peta : Ok. One...

Katniss : Two...

Peeta : Three...

*(When they want to eat the berry...)*

Speaker : Stop... stop... ladies and gentlemen we present the winners of the 74th hunger games !

*(They hug each other, when it was announced that both can become winners)*

(Ross, 2012, 02:07:00-02:09:10)

When the speaker announces the rule change from two to one winner, both of them are surprised and looked into each other. Their eyes tell that they cannot kill each other. This is why Peeta tells Katniss to kill him. Katniss, however, refuses firmly.



**Figure 3. Katniss shows the poisonous berries**

(Ross, 2012, 02:08:03)

Katniss does not want to make the Capitol happy, she then shows Peeta the poisonous berries, so they can share the poison berries and make sure they eat it together to die together. They start taking in turns to count, but just before the final count, the speaker told them to stop. At last both of them hugged each other because they do not need to sacrifice their lives for the satisfaction of the Capitol.

Seeing both Peeta and Katniss become survivors of the game, Haymitch, who is their coach comes to Katniss and says that the Capitol is not happy with her way of mocking them with the poison berries idea. The Capitol wants them to have a fair fight instead of just suddenly losing life only because of the poison berries. In response to Haymitch, Katniss replies, “I am sorry to have ruined their plan, but I am not happy with them, too!!” (Gary Ross, 2012, 02:09:28-02:09:47)

Katniss responses to Haymitch is following the concept of self-reliance where someone must seek his own way. Katniss knows if she wants to become a winner she can kill Peeta. Katniss chooses a different path. She does not want to become a winner by killing her friend. If she kills her friend it means that she is giving herself to the Capitol as an obedient slave, who agrees to follow all rules and regulations by the Capitol. Katniss thinks that it is better not to have a winner and break the rule rather than kill Peeta. Katniss proves her leadership quality of thinking about her own way of living a life with Peeta. The effect of Katniss’ decision is not in favour of President Snow because it means that the Capitol is finally defeated by one person. This is why Katniss is seen to give hope for the people who see the game. The people see that Katniss is giving them the chance to make a revolution for the betterment of each person’s life.

#### **4.3.3 Dare to keep a straight gaze on the President**

In the end of this movie, Everdeen and Peeta become the winners. Although, not being happy about it, President Snow is the one who crowns Katniss. Unlike most winners who would bow at the President upon receiving the crown, Katniss fixes her gaze bravely on the President.



**Figure 4. Katniss being crowned by President Snow**

(Ross, 2012,02:11:47)

Believing that she has self-power, Katniss courageously stares at President Snow while saying thank you softly. Although she dares to stare the President, she still respects the President who leads the people. The following is the conversation.

President Snow : Congratulations.

Katniss : Thank you.

President Snow : Wonderful pin.

Katniss : Thank you, that's from my district.

President Snow : They must be proud of you.

(Ross, 2012,02:11:52-02:12:11)

Katniss's low tone presents her respect to the President. It is also her own sign of saying that she is a person who cannot be intimidated. When seeing the pin, the President comments about it sarcastically by saying "They must be proud of you" which can be interpreted as "You can be happy now and become the hero of your district". Katniss gets the pin from an old lady in her district. At first she wants to buy it but the lady gives it to her. This pin has given her the strength to do good for others. So, when the President comments on the pin, Katniss does not smile or cry in response to the President's sarcasm. Instead, she keeps her head straight on with her

eyes looking at the President to signal her self-esteem and self-reliance. Here, Katniss shows her true powers of being a leader who will not be easily intimidated by anyone. Katniss does not let other people to intimidate her and change her to become what Capitol wants that is the reason she keeps her gaze to President Snow confidently

