

## GRADE 10A

### OBSERVATION REPORT/EYE WITNESS ACCOUNT

#### LEVEL 1

- limited details, coherence and organization

Jody Stevens a young nurse from Toronto

Was on her way home for thanksgiving

She saved the life many people the night of October 11<sup>th</sup>,  
and the family's she saved were the Fortins and Jodouins.

Jody had a two year experience at the east general hospital in Toronto she,  
she thanked the police and everyone she could.

To keep the people sane on the crash.

Jody said

"she was just going to go home the week and spend thanks giving with her family and have her 24<sup>th</sup>  
birthday with her parents and siblings.

Jody was quick on the scene she had everything under controlled, she recently became a nurse at the  
general hospital in Toronto she graduated from Toronto's university. She was a young brave woman and  
received medals for her courage and bravery

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#### LEVEL 1

- few details
- basic, limited organization and message
- does not address 5W&H

### **Girl saves sister from games**

District 12 Reaping had a huge surprise. Katniss' Evergreen saved her sister Prim Evergreen from going to the games. Prim was chosen to participate at the 74<sup>th</sup> Hunger Games, but before she could even talk the stand, her older sister Katniss' volunteered to take her place. Bystanders were shocked at Katniss' willingness to compete in the games. Katniss' is quiet, and keeps to herself at school, so no one knows what she is capable of. Also the male tribute is the baker's son. This should be an interesting Hunger Game's for district 12

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### OBSERVATION REPORT/EYE WITNESS ACCOUNT

#### LEVEL 2

- predictable voice
- tells when and where; other 5W's not addressed
- fluctuation of verb tense

### A Young Lady Volunteers to Die!

The District 12's 74<sup>th</sup> reaping day was held at 2pm in the square surrounded by shops. People came in silently and signed in. Attendance is mandatory. The roped areas were marked by ages 12-18, the old ones at the front and young ones toward the back. The family members gathered around the square holding each other's hand tightly. There were also other people who didn't have to worry because none of their loved ones are at risk. The stage had three chairs, two of them belonged to the mayor of the District 12, Mayor Undersee, and the other one is for Effie Trinket. There was also a podium and two big, glass bowls, one for the girls and the other one is for the boys.

The clock struck 2, and the mayor started to read the history of Panem. After that, he read the list of past District 12's victors. He called out Haymitch Abernathy, one out of two victors of District 12, to come up to the stage and join them. He staggered to the stage and fell into the third chair. It was obvious that he was drunk.

The mayor introduced Effie Trinket. Effie Trinket proudly stepped to the podium and cheerfully says, "Happy Hunger Games! And may the odds be ever in your favour!" She also said how honoured she was to be in the district and finally said, "Ladies first." She dug her hand into the big, glass bowl and pulled out one slip of paper. "Primrose Everdeen", she read the name out loud. I could hear the people murmuring unhappily

because a twelve year old girl got chosen. The girl walked slowly towards the stage. Then someone shouted the tribute's name. The crowd made way for the girl who shouted.

"I volunteer! I volunteer as a tribute," the young lady bravely said. I could see that the people in District 12 were very shocked and confused since it was a long, long time ago that they had a volunteer. Effie Trinket was very happy. She asked the girl's name. "Katniss Everdeen," the girl replied. Everdeen, which meant, she was the tribute's sister. She looked like she wanted to protect her sister. No one clapped when Effie Trinket asked the crowd to give Katniss a big, round of applause. Instead, something weird happened: the people put their three middle fingers to their lips and held it out to Katniss. It meant thanks, admiration and goodbye to someone you love. It was very special sign for people in District 12.

Effie Trinket kept going and chooses the boy's tribute. She finally pulled out a slip of paper from the other bowl and reads the name out loud, "Peeta Mellark." He had medium height, stocky build, blond hair and blue eyes. Lastly, Mayor Undersee started to read the long Treaty of Treason as it is required.

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#### LEVEL 2

- general information
- predictable thoughts and comments
- basic sentence structure

There is no luck in odd numbers. It's one o'clock at the town square on a reaping of district 12. The town square was surrounded by shops. The district 12 reaping was on a public market day. The weather was nice. People walked in silently and signed in. The capitol people think reaping is a good idea to keep tabs on the population. They started to line up. The oldest person standing in front of the young people. All the family members stood around the area and held hands tightly with one another. More and more people were coming in and the space was getting tighter. They had a big screen TV for people to watch the reaping of district 12 because the podium couldn't be seen by everyone. On the stage they had two large glass balls one of them for boys and the another one for girls. Both of them were full of names and there were three chairs on the stage as well. The clock turned to 2:00 o'clock then the mayor who is one of the capitol's steps up toward the podium and begins to read, "It's the same story every year" he said. He tells the story of Panem; the ashes of a place called North America. He listed the droughts, the storms and the fires that gulped so much of the land. He also read the rules of the Hunger Games and he quickly tried to pull the attention back to the district 12 reaping by introducing Effie Trinket. As she walked to the podium she said "a Happy Hunger Games! May the odds be ever in your favor!" She went on a little bit about what an honor it was for her to be on the stage for the Hunger Games reaping of district 12. "It's time for drawing" she said. "Ladies first" as she walked to the glass ball with girls' name. She reached in, dug her hand deep into the ball and pulled out a slip of paper. She moved back, she smoothed the slip of paper and read out the name in a clear voice. It's Primrose Everdeen.

The situation just got worse for Katniss because her younger sister Primrose's name had been chosen to be a participant in a Hunger Game.

Prim only entered her name once. Prim was one slip of paper in thousands. Her chances of being chosen were limited.

Katniss was afraid that her sister might be hurt as they were taking Prim for the tribute, so she struggled toward Prim and said "I volunteer! I volunteer as tribute." There hadn't been any volunteers for a very long time. There was some kind of confusion on the stage. But everything was good after a while. The boys' name that had been picked was Peeta Mellark. Katniss recognized his name as they called his name on the stage.

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#### LEVEL 2

- adequate sensory details
- challenges with verb tense and sentence structure
- generally addresses 5W's

# Reaping In District 12

It's about 1:00 here in District 12, a lovely summer day in the town square of district 12. This is the 74<sup>th</sup> reaping. There is over thousands of people here but the ones who were late and wouldn't really be able to see what's going on is brought to adjacent streets. Everyone in all the districts is gathering to watch the district 12 reaping to see who will be representing the district. There is a huge state with three chairs on it and two big glass balls full of paper. The three chairs are for Mayor Undersee, Effie Trinket and Mr. Haymitch Abernathy. Mayor Undersee is a tall, balding man, Effie Trinket is district 12's escort from the Capitol. She has a scary white grin on her face, pinkish hair, and spring green suit, and Haymitch Abernathy is a middle-age man who staggers onto the stage and collapse into his chair. He seems to be very drunk. I feel that there's a lot of fear here today in district 12 because their worried if they get picked it's probably there last day on earth. It seems to be very quiet until Mrs. Effie Trinket start to announce the tributes. There is a young girl named Katniss Everdeen who has volunteered as a tribute for the younger girl who was picked. The girl's name is Prim Everdeen. Everyone in the crowd didn't make a noise. They were shocked about what had happened. They did not make a sound that's because they do not approve. Instead they gave her sign of admiration and it also mean good-bye to someone you love. This is a column about a brave girl how has the courage of taking her loved ones place in the tribute. So give her the love and hope that she needs to have the courage to try to win.

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### OBSERVATION REPORT/EYE WITNESS ACCOUNT

#### LEVEL 3

- thesis stated with connecting details
- exploration of identity, social responsibility, and action
- 5W's addressed and supported
- engaging voice draws in reader
- CC – addressed audience and purpose; some challenges with verb tense

## 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Reaping Day: Woman sacrifices herself in place of sister

Today embarks the 74<sup>th</sup> annual Reaping Day. The temporary stage is set up before the justice building. It holds 3 chairs, a podium and two large glass balls, one for the girls and one for the boys. Two of the chairs were filled with Mayor Undersee and Effie Trinket, District 12's escort. As the town clock strikes two, the Mayor steps up to the podium and talks about the history of the Panem.

The Mayor starts off by reading the list of past District 12's victors. They've only had two victors in the past 74 years. Mr. Haymitch Abernathy, one of the victors enters the scene and appears to be somewhat very drunk. He causes a commotion during the event when he tried to hug one of the escorts. Effie Trinket continues on with the program by saying "Happy Hunger Games! And may the odds be ever in your favor! "

The ladies go first. Effie Trinket leads with the picking of the names inside the two, large glass balls. She holds out the paper and reads it: she picked the name Primrose Everdeen, a 12 year-old girl. Slowly she walks up and heads toward the stage. Out of nowhere, a cry is heard. From somewhere in the crowd, someone had shouted, "I volunteer as tribute! ". The unknown cry was from Everdeen's older sister, Katniss Everdeen. District 12 hasn't had a volunteer in decades and the protocol has become rusty.

With the shocking turn of events Katniss Everdeen now represents District 12 in the Hunger Games. Effie Trinket continues on with the program and picks another name from the two glass balls. Together with Katniss Everdeen, Peeta Mellark will represent District 12 in Hunger Games

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#### LEVEL 3

- appropriate sensory details
- logical organization
- sentence variety

## "That's the spirit of the Games!"

"May the odds be ever in your favor!"

In the summer month of Panem, the 74<sup>th</sup> reaping had come in district 12. The reaping was held in the square where it is surrounded by shops and with banners hanging up in the buildings. This reaping is for Hunger Games. It is a game in which every district should have a tribute of one boy and one girl. In that game, those tributes that got chosen must fight to death and the last standing tribute wins.

We all know that in this game the attendance is mandatory. So at approximately one o'clock, people started to gather in the square.

The clock rested at two, Mayor Undersee started to read important traditional readings that were recited at every Hunger Games. When his speech finished, it was followed by the introduction of Effie Trinket, the District 12's escort.

"Happy Hunger Games!" And may the odds be ever in your favor!" she greeted gracefully to the crowd.

"Ladies first!" Effie Trinket said and started digging her hands into the ball and pulled out a slip of paper. She flattened the paper while everyone in the square seemed nervous.

She announced, "Primrose Everdeen." Primrose walked stiffly, making small steps up toward the stage but suddenly a girl cried out from the crowd, "Prim! Prim!" The scene got everyone's attention.

"I volunteer! I volunteer as a tribute!" the girl cried out. Everyone was horrified even Mayor Undersee and Effie Trinket, but the mayor invited the girl to come forward.

Primrose, who wrapped herself around the girl, was pulled so hard by a man that he made her lift off the ground. She then had the chance to step in on the stage.

“That’s the spirit of the Games!” she said and added, “What’s your name?”

“Katniss Everdeen,” she replied back. Her answer made everyone aware that she was Primrose’s older sister. Effie asked the crowd to give her a big round of applause, but no one did. Everyone seems really quiet.

People started to imitate the guy who did the silent salute to Katniss. The silent salute, which most people know, means Thanks, Admiration, and Goodbye to someone you love.

A man named, Haymitch Abernathy, the past victor of District 12 in Hunger Games, came and congratulated Katniss but then got knocked off on the stage unconscious.

“What an exciting day! But more excitement to come! It’s time to choose our boy tribute!” Effie said gladly.

She came to pick the boy tribute from the ball and said, “Peeta Mellark.” Peeta made his way on the stage while Effie Trinket asked for volunteers to come forward but none came.

After Mayor Undersee read the Treaty of Season, as he does every year, he shook hands with the new tributes, Peeta and Katniss, and played the anthem of Panem.

This story of two sisters is very personable. It just showed us how

Katniss loved her little sister and how she wanted to protect her. The heroism of this young girl will never be forgotten by the people of Panem and will be memorable to each and every one of us.

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#### LEVEL 3

- clear and logical piece
- appropriate details
- thoughts and comments bring experience to life

### A Volunteer for District 12

Katniss Everdeen volunteered as a District 12 tribute for the 74<sup>th</sup> Hunger Games.

The ceremony started at two o'clock in the afternoon and was held in the square. It was surrounded by shops with banners hanging from the buildings. Cameras were also perched at the rooftops intensifying unnerving atmosphere. Since the square wasn't a very big place, it was crowded which was a bit uncomfortable. The stage was in front of the Justice Building with three chairs, a podium and two large glass balls. Two out of the three chairs were occupied and there sat Mayor Undersee, a tall, balding man, and Effie Trinket, the District 12 escort. She was wearing a spring green suit and had freakishly pink hair.

When the mayor stepped up to the podium, he started to read the repetitive history of Panem, the rules of the Hunger Games and the past victors from District 12. There were only two victors and one of them is still alive. His name is Haymitch Abernathy, a paunchy, middle aged man who appeared to be drunk as he walked unsteadily to his seat. He seemed confused and gave Effie a big hug, which made me smile as she tried to dodge his hug.

After that, the mayor introduced Effie, who quickly walked to the podium. She sounded cheerful and upbeat as she announced it was time for the drawing of the tributes. She went over to the ball that had the girls' names and eagerly pulled out a slip of paper. The crowd became eerily quiet as Effie goes back to the podium and read out the name Primrose Everdeen.

The crowd began to whisper dejectedly since they thought that it was unfair for twelve year olds to get chosen. Then Primrose slowly walked to the stage with clenched fists but was interrupted. Katniss, her 16 year old sister, protectively pushed her sister behind her and yelled, "I volunteer as tribute."

The people on the stage were confused and surprised but decided to let her come to the stage. When Effie tried to introduce Katniss, nobody clapped their hands; instead they touched their three middle fingers of their left hand to their lips and held it out to her. In District 12, it meant thanks, admiration and goodbye to someone you love.

Then Haymitch went to her and shouted that he liked her and that she had lots of spunk. Next, he staggered forward, pointing at the camera but ended up falling off the stage and became unconscious. It was hilarious to watch as it was hard trying not to laugh. He was carried off in a stretcher while Effie announced that it was time to pick their boy tribute. She walked to the glass ball that contained the boys' names and revealed that Peeta Mellark was chosen.

Peeta, a stocky built, ashy blonde haired teenager, bravely walked up to the stage and took his place. Effie asked if there were any male volunteers but no one answered so the mayor began to read the long, monotonous Treaty of Treason. After he was done, he beckoned Peeta and Katniss to shake hands then they face the crowd as the anthem of Panem started playing.

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#### LEVEL 4

- compelling voice
- insightful text
- thoughtful use of descriptive sensory details
- CC's would need some work

## Bus-ride to heroism

At 1:30 am on October 11, 1975, a nearly fatal accident left most spectators panicked, except for one.

24-year-old nurse Jody Stevens was on a bus from North Bay, Ontario to Toronto to visit her family for thanksgiving and to celebrate her birthday, when she saw it. Up ahead the road of Highway 11, a line of cars was all stopped.

Quick thinking told her that it must have been an accident.

She raced ahead to the scene in the soaking rain, and what she saw she would never forget.

"It's pretty much been imprinted in the back of my mind, that image of all that blood and those two moose, and all that wreckage." Jude recalls "This guy tells me he thinks they're all dead and I knew I had to act fast."

Lying sideways in the ditch was an old school bus converted to a camper. The bodies of two moose hung out from the back of a hunters truck stalled in the left lane and a silver Mercedes Benz with a smashed hood was on the right shoulder, but that left a silent ring of stunned bystanders was a blue 1973 ford, four people inside the crumpled mess.

Charles Jodouin, 26, and his wife Jeanne and her parents, Omer and Lucie Fortin were off to Kingston to visit Jeanne's sister. Traffic was fairly heavy despite how late it was, and the left rear wheel spun off of the school bus and flew straight into the grill of an oncoming pickup truck. It skidded across the center and crashed into the Jodouins. The Mercedes, which was travelling behind the camper lost control and crashed into it too.

All of them were trapped inside of the car, all unconscious except Lucie Fortin, who was deep in shock and talking incoherently. Jody felt their pulses and determined that they were all alive.

She requested the help of bystanders and conjured life jackets and diapers to treat the injured victims. She was quickly able to bandage and seal Omer's hear injury with the diapers and some fishing line.

Lucie was now screaming, so she asked some nearby men to comfort her.

Finally, police and ambulance arrived, who were unaware at the time that Jody was a nurse.

Her previous suspicions of Omer having heart problems were proved nearly correct when it was discovered that he suffered from high blood pressure.

All survived their injuries, not knowing their rescuers name almost a year later, but were grateful.

"We do not know her name, but we are all thankful for our guardian angel." said Lucie Fortin a year later.

Jody received recognition for her courage and heroism with the Ontario Provincial Polices Commissioners Citation.

"Bravery and altruism are the real factors that aided the victims through this difficulty" comments Officer Bobby Robertson.

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#### LEVEL 4

- compelling style and voice
- insightful thesis and points to support
- strategically answers 3 W's
- skillfully varied sentences

### Day of the reaping

*It's 2 o'clock and everyone is gathering at the square to hear the names of the chosen children who are participating in the reaping games. The square is surrounded by shops, and the area is too small to hold the population of 8000 people in district 12. All the children are gathered in a rope area starting from ages 12-18, older kids in the front and the younger ones in the back. The stage was set up before the justice building holding 3 chairs, a podium, and two large glass balls, one for the girls and one for the boys. Every kid looks at the glass balls and hope that they don't get chosen this year. Two of the three chairs are sat on by Mayor Undersee, who's a tall, balding man, and Effie Trinket, District 12's escort, fresh from the Capitol with her white grin, and her out of place pink wig, and a spring green suit. The bell rings and its 2 o'clock. The mayor gets up from his chair and slowly steps up to the podium and began to read. The mayor tells the history of panem, the country that rose up out of the ashes of a place that was once known as North America. He mentions all the disasters that happened through out the years of this country/District. Effie walks slowly to the girl's glass ball and picks out a name and reads it to everyone. The girl that has been chosen this year is "Primrose Everdeen", a twelve year old whose father has passed away in a mine explosion. The girl is being taken to the stage by guards and as soon as she passes the line that holds all the 16 year old kids a girl steps out and volunteers. The girl is Katniss Everdeen who is Primrose's sister known by all the people in District 12. Katniss holds her sister back not even letting her step foot on the stage and repeats "I volunteer as Tribute". This is the first time ever that somebody has volunteered as a tribute. Usually the person is brought up to the stage and then they ask for volunteers, but this is new and a bit exciting.*

*Will this mean that District twelve finally has picked a winner? Will Katniss's choice to volunteer for her sister be the end of her Life? We will find out as soon as the Hunger Games begin.*