The Hunger Games
Graphic Organizer

Literary Text: The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins (Scholastic Press First Edition)

Name of Strategy: The Bow and Arrow (Cause and Effect)

Context: This strategy should be introduced to the students right as you begin reading The Hunger Games. The students should then be accountable for filling out the graphic organizer as they read. Ideally, the students should choose their own event or action, but the teacher can assign specific ones. For example, the teacher may want to stress the effects of Katniss' choice to sacrifice herself for her sister at the reaping. Another example the students could use is the effects of Katniss' choice to pretend to be in love with Peeta. The possibilities are endless, and students should be encouraged to make connections wherever they can.

Purpose: The purpose of this strategy is to help students make connections in the text. It teaches the important strategy of understanding cause and effect. This strategy can also help students understand character motivations. Finally, it helps students read with a purpose. Because students need to fill this out as they read, they will be more likely to look for connections and be successful in finding them.

Directions:
1. Prepare copies of The Hunger Games: Bow and Arrow worksheet before class begins.
2. Start with a mini-lesson on cause and effect. Use articles and examples from current events or other literature read in the classroom. Be sure to include why understanding cause and effect is an important skill. (30 minutes)
3. Pass out The Hunger Games: Bow and Arrow worksheet to the students. Have a student read the instructions out loud to the class. (5 minutes)
4. Explain to the students that while reading The Hunger Games, they will be responsible for identifying important events, actions, or choices in the novel. They will then need to identify the effects or consequences of those events, actions, and choices. (5 minutes)
5. Model with the students the procedure based on a piece of literature already studied in the classroom. This way, the teacher is not revealing anything about the novel, but the students can still see how to complete the assignment. (15 minutes)
6. Answer any questions the students have. (5 minutes)

Assessment: This strategy will help students realize how events are almost always interrelated. This is key in this book because there is a lot of reference to the idea of choice and consequence (especially towards the end). This will put the students in the right mind set to recognize that Katniss’ (and all the characters’) choices and behaviors have consequences.