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How Suzanne Collins' *Hunger Games* Can Change the World

A new form of government was introduced to the world in the 20th century: totalitarianism. This ideologically driven, power-hungry system was adopted by some of the most fearsome political leaders of modern times: Hitler, Stalin, Mussolini, and Mao; each of these figures adopted his own form of totalitarianism, and each used it to run a terror-filled regime where his word was law. This presentation will be an examination of totalitarianism through the use of Suzanne Collins' series of novels, starting with *Hunger Games*. It will include an analysis of the regime presented within the books, an exploration of its representation of a totalitarian state, and an inquiry into how this work of literature can be used to promote social change and inspire action.