

RED RISING // SURVIVAL IN LYKOS

5-ROUND PARTNER SIMULATION

You and a partner are members of a mining clan living under a rigid system. Your objective is to keep your people alive while deciding how much risk, obedience, competition, and resistance you are willing to accept. This is an original classroom simulation inspired by the unit's concepts, not a recreation of the novel.

START // CHOOSE 5 PRIORITIES

Food supply • family safety • clan reputation • winning the Laurel • truthful information • medical access • workplace safety • freedom of movement • solidarity with other clans • avoiding punishment. Rank your five and explain #1.

ROUND 1 // THE QUOTA

Your clan is behind on a dangerous production quota. Choose: push workers harder, report the safety problem, secretly slow production, or ask another clan for help. Explain what your choice protects and what it risks.

ROUND 2 // THE REWARD

Officials announce that only one clan will receive a major food reward. You learn the competition may not be fair. Decide whether to compete normally, cooperate with another clan, expose the unfairness, or stay silent. Explain.

ROUND 3 // THE MESSAGE

A public announcement claims conditions are improving, but your own experience suggests otherwise. Write two sentences explaining why people might still believe the announcement. Then identify the form of power being used.

ROUND 4 // THE RULE

Someone close to you breaks a rule to show you something the authorities do not want your community to see. Decide whether you follow, report them, refuse, or create another plan. Explain the value driving your decision.

ROUND 5 // SURVIVAL OR CHANGE

Your group must choose one final strategy: survive quietly, seek gradual change, openly resist, or escape. Write a 5-sentence defense using at least four vocabulary terms from Set #1.

DEBRIEF

1. Which round created the hardest conflict between individual safety and collective good?
2. Where did propaganda or information control matter most?
3. Which decision reinforced the hierarchy even if it helped your group temporarily?
4. What does the simulation suggest about why oppressed communities may not rebel immediately?
5. Connect one simulation decision to Darrow's thinking in the opening chapters without quoting the novel.