"May the Odds be Ever in your Favor":
The Rise of Women in Dystopian Literature.

Course Description
In the last decade there has been a resurgence of Dystopian Literature. This rise has been led by women authors and their heroines. Through these novels, that have greatly influenced pop culture, we find an interesting focus on the growth of these heroines, their personal agency and political power, and how they are breaking away from traditional gender roles. ENGL 261 will focus on the ways women writers are influencing women and how we are shifting to a stronger, more powerful role in our society through the pages of dystopian literature. By looking through theoretical lenses and the characters in the novels, we will consider how these narratives are breaking all of the rules when it comes to gender constraints.

Required Texts:

- The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
- Divergent by Veronica Roth
- Matched by Ally Condie
- Adaptation by Malinda Lo

And other dystopian texts