Abnegation
The Abnegation are the selfless faction. Their colour is grey, and they wear simple grey clothes without any adornments. They also have simple hairstyles. In the choosing ceremony, smooth grey stones are their substance. Being selfless, the Abnegation despise selfishness and lust for power. While they get along well with most factions, the Erudite are their sworn enemy. In society, the Abnegation form the government and volunteer to help others. Abnegation members are expected not to stare at others or themselves, not to joke or laugh in public, not to be curious, and to always help others. Also, they are only allowed to look in a mirror once every three months, when they get their hair cut.

Amity
The Amity are the peaceful and friendly faction. Their colours are red and yellow, and they wear comfortable clothing of those colours. Their choosing ceremony substance is earth. Amity dislikes violence and aggression. Candor dislikes Amity, as they believe that Amity will deceive in order to keep peace. Amity is also wary of Dauntless, as Dauntless is too violent and aggressive for Amity's liking. The Amity are farmers, providing food for the rest of the faction. In addition, Amity provides counsellors and caretakers. Members of Amity are expected to avoid conflict at all costs, and to create peace with others. In public, the Amity are usually laughing and joking. They greet each other with hugs and enjoy the arts.

Candor
Candor is the honest faction. Their colours are black and white, representing the way they see the truth. In public, Candor members wear black suits with white ties. Glass, representing their transparency, is Candor's choosing ceremony substance. Candor is strongly against deception and duplicity. Candor has a rivalry with Amity, as they believe Amity will lie in order to keep peace. The members of Candor contribute to society by entering into law. Candor members are expected to be honest to a fault; they should tell the complete truth, even if it is harmful. The Candor are often seen debating with each other. They greet each other by shaking hands.

Dauntless
The Dauntless are brave, courageous, and fearless. Their colours are black and orange, but Dauntless members dress in all black. Most Dauntless have tattoos and piercings. Flaming coals are their choosing ceremony substance. Dauntless detest cowardice; they see it as the cause of most problems in society. Dauntless is neutral with other factions, although their ideas clash with those of Amity. In society, Dauntless members are police officers, soldiers, and guards of the fence around the city. Dauntless are expected to overcome their fears and never show cowardice. They get around by trains, which they jump on and off of while the trains are still in motion. Dauntless members often fight for entertainment and attempt dangerous feats for fun.

Erudite
Erudite is the faction of intelligence, knowledge, and curiosity. Their colour is blue, and Erudite members must wear one item of blue clothing. Most members wear glasses, whether or not they are necessary. Their choosing ceremony substance is water. The Erudite, as they constantly strive for knowledge, despise ignorance. Erudite loathes Abnegation, mainly because of the Abnegation's position in government. Erudite members become doctors, teachers, scientists, and mathematicians. Members of Erudite are expected to have a high intelligence and be knowledgeable. The Erudite are often seen studying and reading, or discussing what they have studied and read. If members of Erudite do not meet a minimum intelligence, they are exiled.