Ironic over Ambiguous

 Ironic endings are much higher preferred over ambiguous endings. In the story of the Hunger Games, the ending of both Peeta and Katniss living, is ironic, because we are told only one will live. The author does this to get the theme across to the reader better. If the ending had been ambiguous on the other hand, the reader would have had more choices when trying to unveil the theme. Yes, stories don’t have the theme written in them so it’s open to interpretation but, the author can more clearly show their message through a closed ending, cutting off the possibilities of what would’ve been the message if either of them had perished. In short, ironic endings emphasize an author’s point far more drastically than an ambiguous ending.