

English 9 Summer Reading-2011

Book: *Ender's Game*

Author: Orson Scott Card

Tip: Visit Card's official website: www.hatrack.com

Before You Read

1. Research facts about the author, Orson Scott Card. If you use the internet, please make sure that you utilize reputable websites.
2. Write one detailed paragraph about the author. Your paragraph should include information about Card's childhood while living in California, Card as a college student, and Card's literary career.
3. Define science fiction literature. What are 3 characteristics of science fiction literature?

After you read

1. Create a timeline of 10 major events that occurred in Ender's life. Your descriptions of these events should be detailed; be sure to include information from the text in your explanations. Your events should be in chronological order.
2. Answer each of the following discussion questions. Each of your responses should contain at least 5 detailed and grade-appropriate sentences.

Question 1-Explain how this novel is classified as science fiction. Refer to number 3 in Before You Read as you answer this question.

Question 2-Explain the significance of the dialogue at the beginning of each chapter. Who are the characters that are speaking and what is the importance of the subject of their discussions?

Question 3-Describe the society in *Ender's Game*. Be sure to include information about why society is training children for war.

Question 4-Describe 3 major conflicts (internal or external) that Ender experiences. Include background information on each conflict and explain how Ender deals with each conflict.

Question 5-Explain what happens to Ender's friendships as he attains more power and authority.

Question 6-Describe the relationship between Ender and his siblings.

Question 7-Define hero. Based on what happens in the novel, should Ender be considered a hero? Explain why or why not.

3. Write 1 paragraph explaining whether or not you enjoyed reading *Ender's Game*. If you enjoyed the reading, explain what aspects of the novel you enjoyed. If you did not like it, explain why.