



ENDER'S GAME | BY ORSON SCOTT CARD

CORNELL NOTES: VOCABULARY, QUESTIONS, AND SUMMARY

CORNELL NOTES: SET-UP

Notes may be written in notebook or typed. Please follow Cornell format, keep writing legible, and show completeness in work. All notes will be submitted for a grade at the end of the unit.

	Chapter (#)
(Vocabulary List)	(Definitions)
(Questions List)	(Answers: 4 – 6 complete sentences for each question.)
Summary	(For each chapter Summary, state how Ender has grown—emotionally, intellectually, etc.—throughout the chapter.)

Chapter 1

malleable

glint

rescind

droned

forestall

vengeance

supine

1. How do you know Ender lacks faith in adults and has negative feelings for them?
2. How does Peter dominate Ender, and how does Ender feel about his older brother?
3. A controlling government is suggested. What is the first indication of this?

Summary: How has Ender grown in this chapter?

Chapter 2

peripheral
vivisect
commiserated
silhouetted

1. What do you learn about the character of Valentine?
2. How are the attitudes of Peter and the government alike?

Summary: How has Ender grown in this chapter?

Chapter 3

conscript
flotilla
sanctions
renounced
ambiguous

1. Why do Ender's parents resent him?
2. What is ironic about Colonel Graff taking Ender's hand?

Summary: How has Ender grown in this chapter?

lithe

bulkhead

deftly

scrupulously

1. Explain the quote, “Isolate him enough that he remains creative—otherwise he’ll adopt the system and we’ll lose him” (27).
2. How does the incident with the other cadet mirror the Stilson episode? Is it acceptable to do despicable things for survival? Why or why not?

Summary: How has Ender grown in this chapter?

holographic
extricated
Separatism
martyr

1. Ender tries to express his feelings in private and not show them to others. Is it healthy for him or not? What are the positive and negatives of showing your feelings?
2. "He can never come to believe that anybody will ever help him out, ever. If he once thinks there's an easy way out, he's wrecked...he can have friends. It's parents he can't have" (38). Explain the previous quote. Are parents necessary in a child's development?

Summary: How has Ender grown in this chapter?

Chapter 6

tumult
cronies

1. Ender sees Alai as a bridge. Explain.
2. It was assumed Bernard and Alai were the leaders of the battle. Why wasn't it assumed that Ender was the "brains of the operation"? Why was Alai the obvious leader? What qualities must a leader possess?

Summary: How has Ender grown in this chapter?

Chapter 7

perverted
Salaam
polyglot
obscurity

1. What did Alai say to Ender and why is the exchange so important?
2. What does Ender learn about leadership and tactics from Bonzo? How can a person “lose face”?
3. Find an example of irony between Ender and Bonzo. Write the quote and explain the irony.

Summary: How has Ender grown in this chapter?

Chapter 8

hegemony
caromed
nullo
leverage

1. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement: "Winning is more important than anything." Why or why not?
2. Discuss the statement "The Battle School doesn't create *anything*. It just destroys."

Summary: How has Ender grown in this chapter?

exploit
megalomania
acquiescence

1. How does Valentine keep herself safe from Peter? What does this reveal about her character?
2. Explain the meaning of this statement: “They have a word for people our age. They call us children and they treat us like mice”.
3. Why does Peter want to take over the world? How does he plan to accomplish this goal?
4. Why do you think Peter chose Demosthenes and Locke for pseudonyms?
5. In opposition to some of the positions Peter makes “Demosthenes” take, Valentine says, “I thought the idea was to unify the world. If I write this [...] I’m pretty much calling for war to breakup the Warsaw Pact”. Explain what she means.

Summary: How does Ender grow in this chapter?

divisive

arcane

banter

breached

1. Ender has become like the adults who control him, like the enemy. Explain.
2. Explain the symbol of a *wall* between Alai and Ender and Ender's fear created by this *wall*.

Summary: How has Ender grown in this chapter?

Chapter 11

wretched
methodically
ineptitude

1. Why does Carn Carby want Ender to defeat the next army he fights and why is this ironic?
2. What is the significance of the allusion to *Julius Caesar* in the chapter title?

Summary: How has Ender grown in this chapter?

disingenuous
condescending
protocol

1. After Ender beat the Griffin and Tiger armies, he says to Anderson, "I beat you again, sir." What is Ender saying?
2. Ender is being transferred to Command School. Card reveals, "Ender wanted to go back home, back to the Battle School, the only place in the universe where he belonged." What is ironic about Ender's attitude?

Summary: How has Ender changed in this chapter?

chauvinists

cusp

fastidious

1. What is the irony seen in the two personas of Demosthenes and Locke?
2. What is the purpose of the Third Invasion?

Summary: How has Ender grown in this chapter?

adept
apathy
petulant

1. What bothers Ender most about Eros? What is familiar about this?
2. Explain the irony involved in the “final examination” or Third Invasion.
3. How does Card add to the suspenseful mood during the Third Invasion?

Summary: How has Ender grown in this chapter?

provocateur
candor
errant

1. Why is Ender called “The Speaker for the Dead”?
2. How does Peter know Ender wrote the book? What does Peter request?
3. How does Ender influence all of mankind and redeem himself?

Summary: How has Ender grown in this chapter?