

Small Group Science Fiction Study:
Ender's Game
 by Orson Scott Card

CHECKLIST

Check off each exercise / activity as you complete it.

- _____ Daily Responses [**due daily**]
 _____ Essay Responses [**due daily as assigned**]
 _____ Character Chart [**due date:** _____]
 _____ Short Story [**due date:** _____]
 _____ Creative Project [**due date:** _____]

GRADING

The daily responses are valued at 20 points each, for a total of 180 points.

The essay responses are valued at 20 points each, for a total of 140 points.

The character chart, short story, and creative project are valued at 100 points each.

DAILY READING / RESPONDING SCHEDULE

DATE	ASSIGNMENT	COMPLETE
Day 1 _____	pp. ix-26	_____
Day 2 _____	pp. 27-53	_____
Day 3 _____	pp. 54-96	_____
Day 4 _____	pp. 97-119	_____
Day 5 _____	pp. 120-153	_____
Day 6 _____	pp. 154-172	_____
Day 7 _____	pp. 173-226	_____
Day 8 _____	pp. 227-254	_____
Days 9 and 10 _____	pp. 255-324	_____

DAILY REFLECTIONS

For each reading assignment, you must complete two daily components. First, you will select from specific questions to which you will respond in essay format, a coherent and unified written piece with a thesis, supporting paragraphs, and a conclusion. For this first component, follow the guidelines listed below:

1. Label each entry clearly, with the assigned pages and the date that the entry was completed.
2. Cite passages from the text that support your thesis, with page numbers in MLA format.
3. Each entry must be either typed or neatly handwritten in blue or black ink.
4. No drafts are required.
5. Entries should be between one page and one and one-half pages.
6. Title the essay response.

Second, you will use the provided chapter guide forms to respond to specific, semi-regular topics and elements of literature. Some entries will necessitate Internet research, while others rest on your examination of the text; still others will call upon you to generate your own ideas and questions.

CHARACTER CHART

Create a visual that clearly explains the interrelations among the many characters. Follow the guidelines listed below:

1. You may not complete this on lined paper (notebook paper).
2. The product must be a visual representation.
3. The product must be neatly done and not the result of hastily completed work.
4. Be unique and creative.

SHORT STORY

Write a science fiction short story that is between three and ten pages in length. Reading a variety of science fiction short stories is recommended; check with your school librarian.

CREATIVE PROJECT

Working alone or in small groups, produce one product on one research topic. You will decide on the nature of the product, but you must gain teacher approval first.

Suggested Topics:

1. Military geniuses: Research a military genius, like Alexander the Great, Sun Tzu, Napoleon Bonaparte, or General George Patton.
2. What is genius?
3. Further research on John Locke and Demosthenes.
4. A mock debate between Peter/Locke and Valentine/Demosthenes.
5. SETI, the scientific search for extraterrestrial intelligence:
<http://www.seti-inst.edu/>
<http://setiathome.ssl.berkeley.edu/>
6. The controversy surrounding Bush's proposed space-based missile defense system.
7. Space travel.