



Honors English 9: Summer Reading

Novel: *Ender's Game* by Orson Scott Card

Welcome to Honors English 9,

I am so excited to work with you in the upcoming year to develop literary awareness, enhance your critical reading skills, and challenge you with content that changes alongside our classroom climate. The novel that I have chosen, *Ender's Game*, by Orson Scott Card, is both a coming of age and adventure novel that will be vital for setting the stage of our classroom next year. Along with this novel, we will continue to develop your understanding of other literary works as well!

It will be important that you engage in close reading and textual annotation to do well on reading checks during the first week of class. You will be asked questions that require knowledge of plot details, character motivations, conflicts, themes, and tone. *SparkNotes* and other such "study aids" won't be of much help.

You MUST bring a copy of the novel to the first day of class. The novel MUST include IN-DEPTH annotations (Highlights or Underlines AND Margin Notes or Sticky Notes).

You will receive a grade on the first day of class for your annotations AND we will write an in-class essay on the second day of class after procedures are given. We will also be working with the novel right away on the first day of class, as well as getting to know each other.

I very much look forward to getting to know you next year.

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