



2026 SUMMER ASSIGNMENT

English I Honors

Mr. Knox

Ender's Game (ISBN-13: 978-1-250-77302-9)



Assignment Value: 100 points

Due Date: First Day of School (There will be no late grades for this assignment. It is either on time or a zero.)

Introduction

The summer assignment is designed to keep you active and engaged in reading and writing while away from school. Do yourself and the teachers a favor and put some effort into this assignment. Your writing assignment will be used as a sample for the English II teachers to gauge what areas of writing we will need to focus on in the academic year. With this being said, enjoy the process. *Ender's Game* is an amazing novel, and it should be a lot of fun to read and then watch.

I. Reading

- a. Read *Ender's Game* (ISBN: 978-0812550702)
 - Annotate as you read. (Include margin notes and underlines/highlights to show that you are interacting with the text.) Books without annotations will not receive credit.
- b. Watch the 2013 movie, *Ender's Game* (Available on several platforms, including Amazon Prime)
 - Take notes. (Handwritten). Notes that are typed will not receive credit.

II. Writing

- a. Write a five-paragraph essay responding to one of the following prompts. Your essay must be handwritten in PEN. Assignments completed in pencil will not receive credit.
 - Option #1: Compare the book and the movie. Which do you prefer? Make sure to explain your thesis and use evidence to support your ideas.
 - Option #2: The movie was heavily criticized by fans of the book. Why do you think fans of the book disliked the movie? Be sure to explain your thesis and use evidence to support your ideas.
 - Option #3: From your notes, you will have noticed that there are some scenes in the book that were not included in the movie. Why were these scenes not included in the movie? Explain your thesis and use evidence to support your ideas.

III. Socratic Seminar

- a. A Socratic Seminar about the book will occur during the first week of school.
 - Be prepared to discuss the book and movie using your annotations and notes.

**** The purpose of this summer reading assignment is to interact with the text. As such, the use of AI or other digital aids is not allowed. If used, students will receive a zero on the assignment, a meeting with the Honor Council, and a disciplinary infraction.**