

Great Books Discussion Group
Discussion Questions for *Ender's Game*

1. One of the themes in the book was the confrontation of the grown-ups and the children at battle school. Did you favor the grown-ups or the children while reading the novel? Why?
2. Do you think that the grown-ups were justified in keeping the nature of the “games” a secret from the children? Why or why not?
3. Did the ends (the cessation of war) justify the means (keeping the children in the dark about the nature of the games) in this story? Why or why not?
4. At one point in the novel, Mazer Rackham and Graff said that they loved Ender. Do you believe that they both loved Ender? Why or why not?
5. Ender believed that he was like his brother Peter at times; was he? If not, how was he different?
6. Do you think that if Ender knew that he was destroying the buggers in a real war, he would have continued? Why or why not?
7. After the war, Ender realized that the buggers were trying to communicate with him. Do you think that Ender would have acted differently if he'd known that the buggers finally understood about humans?
8. Was this book an effective anti-war novel? Why or why not?
9. Did this novel alter your perceptions about how children react to adults? Why or why not?