

Literary Analysis Writing Task

In order to demonstrate your understanding of the use of dystopia in *Ender's Game*, you will write an analytical essay on the topic. Please read through this page thoroughly as it will help you to succeed in both your essay and socratic seminar.

Objectives:

- ❖ Analyze the use of dystopian characteristics and its impact on the development of a narrative. (RL.8.2)
- ❖ Write a well-structured literary analysis, using evidence from the text -- *Ender's Game*-- to formulate a thesis supported by adequate evidence from the text (W.8.9).

Prompts: Please choose *only one* of the following prompts.

1. One theory of dystopian novels is that authors are making a critique of society. What is the critique of society that Card is making in *Ender's Game*? Identify and analyze the social critique within the text.
2. Choose two-three characteristics of dystopia as discussed in class. Analyze how they are used, and explain their significance.
3. Compare *Ender's Game* to another dystopian novel. Identify and analyze the use of two dystopian characteristics, and argue which novel is more effective.

Length: 750-1000 words, double-spaced, MLA formatting.

Other notes:

- You will be given resources on how to properly write a literary analysis. **Use them.** You are responsible for making sure this is done properly and for reading the resources provided.
- Use proper MLA citations and MLA formatting.
- Plagiarism, as always, will **not** be tolerated, and will result in a grade of **zero**. Plagiarism includes submitting any length of work as your own, which is **NOT** your own.
- Make *good use* of any time provided in class. Your teacher is a valuable resource — ask questions!

Deadlines to follow:

Essay assigned	Thursday, 13 December
Essay outline	Monday, 17 December
First draft	Wednesday, 2 January
Final submission	Wednesday, 9 January