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Orson Scott Card's ENDER'S GAME—Chapters 12-15 Study Guide

1. In some ways this chapter is like Chapter One. How?
2. What major changes does the battle school make in how the battles are run, and what new rules govern the matches?
3. How do Dink, Bean, Ender, and Colonel Anderson each react to Ender's beating of Bonzo?
4. How surprised were you to learn about what actually happened to Bonzo? To Stilson? Why did they keep this knowledge from Ender?
5. What is the official reaction to finding out the identities of Locke and Demosthenes?
6. How does Valentine feel about being Demosthenes?
7. Why does the IF need Valentine this time? What's wrong with Ender?
8. Ender tells you the secret of how he manages to win all the time. What is it?
9. How did humans learn that faster-than-light (FTL) communication was possible?

10. What is the secret of the Third Invasion?

11. Why can't the two races communicate? Why is this important?

12. Examine the following observation: "Nature can't evolve a species that hasn't the will to survive ... the race as a whole can never decide not to exist." Comprise a short answer no longer than a paragraph long.

13. How is Eros different than the Battle School?

14. How did they manage to keep Mazer Rackham around for 70 years so he could be Ender's teacher? What did it cost him?

15. What things did humanity learn from the buggers?

16. How did Rackham win the second war?

17. Why would buggers not see killing individuals the same way humans would?

18. What is Dr. Device?

19. Explain the truth behind Ender's final exam.

20. What happens on Earth immediately Ender "passes" his final exam?

21. The kids finally get to express their opinions at the end of this chapter. What do they think will happen to them?

22. This chapter begins with another dialogue, only this time it's presented as a regular narrative. Why has the style changed? What important changes are about to take place on Earth?

23. What are the significant developments in this chapter?

24. Why did Val (using her Demosthenes persona) make it so that Ender could not go back to Earth? What is her plan? What is Ender's objection to it?

25. Eight years after they reach their colony world, Ender gets a big surprise. What is it?

26. The Hive Queen's communication with Ender confirms Rackham's theories about why they invaded and takes them a little further. What does Ender learn? What is Ender's response?