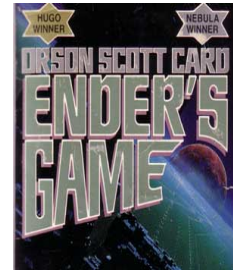


Eighth Grade Summer Reading Assignment



May 2011

Dear Eighth Grader,

The exiting eighth graders advised me not to greet you with a "Happy summer, here's the fun work you get to do," so I'll honor their advise and get straight to the point. There are two required readings: one, Orson Scott Card's *Ender's Game* and, two, Linda Sue Park's *A Long Walk to Water*. *Ender's Game* is a science fiction novel...now, before those of you who think you don't like science fiction roll your eyes and groan over having to read some hokey novel, hear me out. Prior to reading *Ender's Game*, fantasy was not my favorite genre; however, I *loved* this story so, please, give it a chance. ☺ As for *A Long Walk to Water*, the story is a poignant reminder of what is truly important in life and how much we, as Americans, can take for granted. I think the story will move you.

In terms of expectations that go along with the reading: please actively **annotate** *Ender's Game* and **answer (type) the three sets of comprehension questions**: one set for chapters one-five, one set for chapters six-ten, and a final set for chapters eleven-fifteen. **Please carefully read the directions for each set of questions and type the responses using MLA format (i.e. heading, double-space)**. Thank you. If, at any point, you struggle to answer one of the questions, just type: "didn't understand" next to the question; you will not be penalized (unless, of course, you answer all the questions with "didn't understand"). ☺ There are no additional expectations for *A Long Walk to Water* besides reading it.

Feel free to email me at glewis@hollandhall.org if you find yourself with questions or concerns.

Peace,

Ms. Lewis