

Was Ender's Suffering justified for the Survival of the Human Race?

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Introduction By: Samuel Quinonez

In the book Ender's game, Ender loses his humanity to save the human race. This is very controversial, but we believe that his suffering was justifiable. He potentially saved billions by training since he was six. Also he destroyed the need for war and reunited the human race. But on the contrary, he never got the chance to live and be free. In this presentation we will go over there reasons why his suffering was justified.

Body 1 by: Julian Reyes

As said in the introduction, we think that Ender's suffering is justifiable, as it saves potentially millions or even billions. They have been trying to find the next Mazer Rackham for over 70 years and Ender seemed the most promising. If he wasn't trained those lives he saved would have potentially been lost. Also, since he needed to be trained fast, he needed to suffer a little more than other people to get the job done. That is one reason why his suffering was justifiable.

Body 2 By: Samuel Quinonez

As we said in the introduction, another reason Ender's suffering was justified was because he reunited humanity. In Chapter 14 Valentine states that by Ender defeating the buggers, he united the governments of the world with a pact that Peter made (Scott, 14). This makes the world safer and more livable for the people in it. Also by doing this, he gives the world a new hero to look up to and strive to become like Mazer Rackham was for people before him (Scott, 14). By giving the world a new idol and intern reuniting the people of earth. Those are some reasons why his suffering was justified.

Counter Argument By: Sean Basran

Throughout the book Ender is fulfilled of a variety of mixed emotions including being depressed, scared, and being extremely enraged. When Ender was the commander of Dragon army, he had to fight multiple battles everyday. This would put any youth individual in a broken mental state. In addition, he was unable to experience a good childhood. This would make someone really messed up in the head. That is why his suffering was unjustified. As well as the provided argument, the generally standards of an military force would be composed of individuals that are older than the age of 18. Considering that Ender was applied as the age of 6, this act would be deemed as child endangerment considering the risk of fatality.

Conclusion By: Samuel Juarez

In conclusion we believe that his suffering was justified. He trained to save the human race since he was 6. He also reunited the people by ending all wars. That is why we believe why Ender's suffering was justified.

Sources

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