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### Ender's Game: By Orson Scott Card

Ender's Game, a novel by Orson Scott Card, is about a boy named Ender who gets picked to go through a Battle School to save humanity from extraterrestrial beings called Buggers. The book takes place sometime in the future. In my opinion, the most pivotal point in this book is in chapter one, when Ender beats Stilson, a bully, up. Ender later in the book finds out that he hurt Stilson so much that he died. This moment in the book shows the change from Ender being an innocent little boy to an older, cruel man who will do anything physical to get his way in an argument.

In chapter one, Ender was fed up with Stilson bullying him and took matters into his own hands by beating Stilson up. This incident in the novel sets the tone for the rest of the book. During later parts in Ender's Game, Ender is faced with situations just like these, where there is the peaceful way out, or the violent way out. Ender always seems to pick the violent way out whether it is with Bonzo, when Bonzo was trying to attack him, or when he was looking forward to killing all the Buggers. The only time that Ender's pattern of choosing the violent way out didn't hold true was at the end of the book when he visited the Bugger planet. When he communicated with the Bugger Queen, she showed him how all the Buggers were dying and about how the humans were very cruel to the Buggers when they were fighting them. Instead of killing all the remaining Buggers he could find, Ender decided to do the right thing and to help

the Buggers start a new civilization. He decided to right all the wrong things that the humans had done to the Buggers all these years.

The other aspect about Ender killing Stilson I believe is that this incident proved to Ender that he had the ability to do anything if he had the will to do it. Even though Stilson was much stronger than Ender, this didn't stop Ender from beating Stilson in a fight. I think that Ender's fight with Stilson gave Ender courage and inspiration to do things that he would have never imagined he could do. These things include fighting Bonzo and killing him. Ender's fight with Stilson also probably gave him the courage to listen to Graff and to join Battle School and go against his brother's will.

The other theme that Ender's fight with Stilson started was the author's exaggeration in the book. There are many examples of this, but one of the biggest ones is the age of all the characters. It is hard to believe that Ender is a six-year-old. This book is basically saying that a kid that had just started Kindergarten must leave his parents to go to a Battle School in order to fight aliens. The fact that Stilson dies in the fight is also absurd. I cannot imagine a world, even a future world, where a six-year-old would murder another six-year-old who is a bully. Even though there is exaggeration, some of the concepts expressed in this book can easily be used to this day. One of these concepts is the way the Buggers are portrayed as in the first part in the book. They are portrayed as distant organisms from another culture. I feel like the way they are talked about reminds me of the way some people are meanly treated for being from different backgrounds.

I believe that the one moment that shaped the whole Ender's game book was in chapter one when Ender fought Stilson. The fight showed Ender's unwillingness to back down from

something that he thought wasn't right. The fight also showed that Ender could be very cruel like when he killed Stilson. It presented the fact that Ender could do anything that he put his mind into, and lastly, the fight revealed the amount of absurd exaggerations there are in this book, like Ender's age which is six. In conclusion, I think Ender's game was a great book that really and the fight with Ender and Stilson plays an important role in the fate of Ender throughout the rest of the book.