Ender’s Game study guide (by Jeff)

Climax: Is when Ender fights what he thinks is the final test in Command School but what is actually the last battle of the Third Invasion.

Resolution: When the Buggers are defeated and Ender is assigned to a colony ship with his sister. He goes and finds the queen larvae in the castle.

Conflict:

* Man versus Man:
  + Ender fights his siblings. Peter tortures him at the beginning of the book, and valentine banishes him from earth.
  + Ender fights the Buggers as well. And he wipes the entire race out.
  + Ender also fights with his peers. He fights and kills Stilson, breaks Bernard’s arm, and kills Bonzo.
* Man versus himself:
  + Ender felt like a killer a few times. Such as when he hurt Bonzo really bad and also when he killed off all of the Buggers.
* Man versus Nature
  + Ender fighting against the gravity loss in the space ship to the battle school
  + Ender killing wasps with his fingers

Dilemma: Ender destroys the Buggers.

* When Ender debates whether or not to go to Battle School or not. He debates on ether to go to battle school and lose his parents and abandon his sister with Peter, or stay, making the family uncomfortable and POTENTIALLY having the buggers kill everyone on earth.
* The teachers have a dilemma whether or not to help Ender when he gets into dangerous situations. They can either make Ender think he cannot get help from adults, they might risk him being killed.
* Ender also has a moral dilemma regarding continuing to fight after battle school. He is burnt out and doesn’t want to keep going. Everyone else insists it is the end of the world if Ender doesn’t help fight the Buggers.

Irony:

* The Buggers were supposed to be evil Invaders, but they were not. The humans were worse.
* Also, a bullied outsider like Ender still rises to become a great military leader.

Characterization: This one is very similar to the stuff that we did in that assignment in aagard. If you read the book you should be fine on this one.