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***Ender's Game*: Chapter 10**
Dialectic Journal

Directions: In chapter 10, Orson Scott Card shows the reader that there are really two aspects to Ender's personality as a commander—a public side and a private side. Read the following quotations and answer the questions in order to develop a complete picture of Ender as a leader. Page numbers are in parentheses.

Public	Private
<p>“Bunking will be arranged by seniority. Veterans to the back of the room, newest soldiers to the front” (157).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What's happening at this point in the story?• What do you think Ender's soldiers think of him right now?	<p>“It was the reverse of the usual pattern, and Ender knew it. He also knew that he didn't intent to be like many commanders, who never saw the younger boys because they were always in the back” (157).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What does this suggest about Ender as a commander?
<p>“After three minutes, though many of them still weren't dressed, he ordered them out of the room.... Dress faster next time. Three minutes from first call to running out the door—that's the rule this week. Next week the rule is two minutes. Move!” (158)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What's happening at this point in the story?• What do you think Ender's soldiers think of him right now?	<p>“No one would be late again if he could help it” (158).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What does this suggest about Ender as a commander?

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"The last boy out was a small kid, obviously underage. There was no way he was going to reach the ceiling handhold. 'You can use a side handhold if you want,' Ender said. 'Go suck on it,' said the boy" (159).

- What's happening at this point in the story?
- What do you think Bean thinks of Ender right now?

"Excellent. At least I have one soldier who can figure things out" (161).

- What's happening at this point in the story?
- What do you think Bean thinks of Ender right now? What about the rest of the army?

"Ender tried to decide whether to like the little kid for refusing to take a concession or to be annoyed at his insubordinate attitude" (159).

- What does this suggest about Ender as a commander?

"Ender could see resentment growing in the way the other soldiers shifted their weight and glanced at each other, the way they avoided looking at Bean. Why am I doing this? What does this have to do with being a good commander, making one boy the target of all the others? Just because they did it to me, why should I do it to him? Ender wanted to undo his taunting of the boy, wanted to the others that the little one needed their help and friendship more than anyone else. But of course Ender couldn't do that. Not on the first day. On the first day even his mistakes had to look like a part of a brilliant plan" (162).

- What does this suggest about Ender as a commander?

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"Aren't you going to assign lanes?' asked a boy. 'No I'm not going to assign lanes. I want you bumping into each other and learning how to deal with it all the time..." (164).

- What's happening at this point in the story?
- What do you think Ender's soldiers think of him right now?

"Ender reached down and grabbed the front of his uniform and shoved him into the wall. 'When I say I work a certain way, Bean, then that's the way I work'" (166).

- What's happening at this point in the story?
- What do you think Bean thinks of him right now?

"Ender was the last one out after practice, since he stayed to help some of the slower ones improve on technique" (164).

- What does this suggest about Ender as a commander?

"Ender let go of him and walked away. When he got to his room he lay down on his bed and trembled. What am I doing?... Well, what I've done to you this day, Bean, I've done. But I'll be watching you, more compassionately than you know, and when the time is right you'll find that I'm your friend, and you are the soldier you want to be" (166-8).

- What does this suggest about Ender as a commander?

Overview:

- Publicly, what is Ender like as a leader? And, privately?
- **On a separate sheet of paper**, connect this understanding of Ender to your own life. Describe a time when you perceived a leader as stern or harsh. Can you, now, see how things may not have been as they appeared? Explain.