

ENDER'S GAME

Ender's Game

An Introduction to Orson Scott Card's novel



WHAT IS SCIENCE FICTION?

- The genre involves speculation on current or future technology.
- It is based on writing rationally and entertainingly about alternate possibilities in settings that are contrary to KNOWN reality.

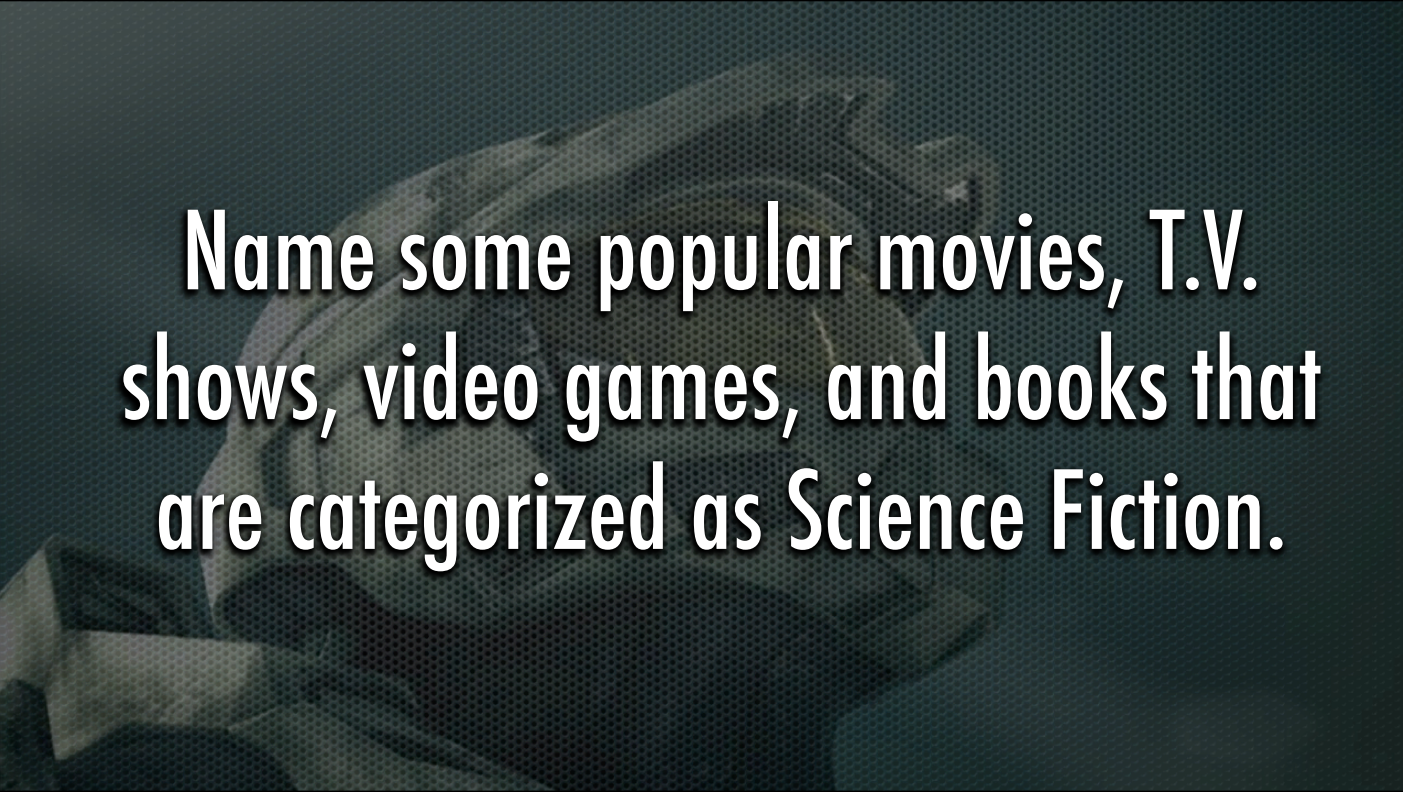
HISTORICAL INFLUENCES

- NASA
- Russian Space Race



WHAT CAN I FIND IN SCIENCE FICTION?

- Set in the future
- Set in outer space
- Extra-Terrestrials
- Technology or Scientific principles that contradict laws of nature
- Discovery of new scientific principles
 - Time Travel
 - Faster-than-light Speed
 - Different political or social systems



Name some popular movies, T.V. shows, video games, and books that are categorized as Science Fiction.

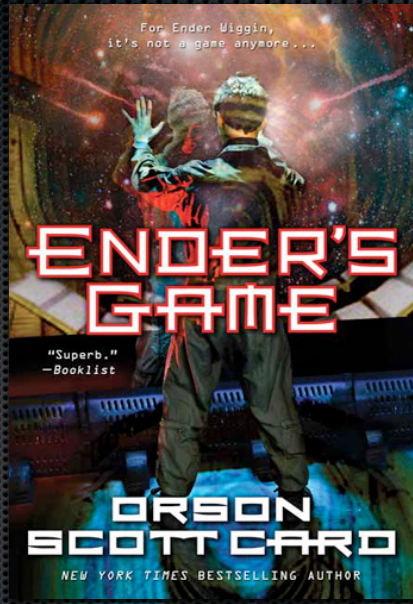






Movies and Television

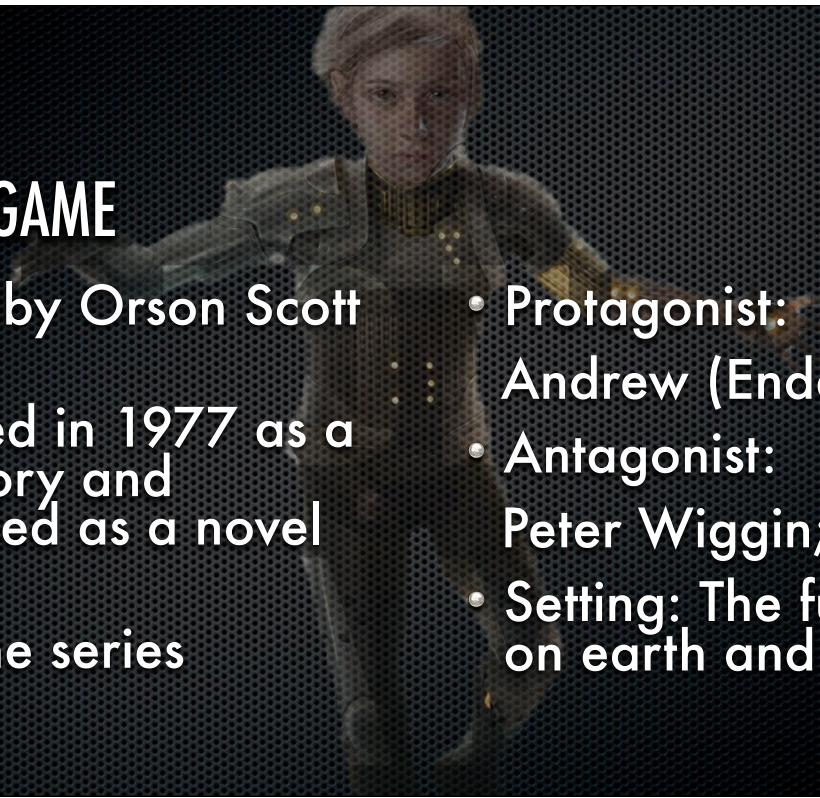
- Lost
- Back to the Future
- Wall-E
- Monsters Vs. Aliens
- War of the Worlds
- Fringe
- Dr. Who
- Matrix
- Eureka
- Inception
- I am Legend
- Avatar
- Men in Black
- I, Robot
- Jurassic Park
- E.T.
- Minority Report
- Star Trek
- Star Wars
- Blade Runner
- Tron
- Vanilla Sky
- Stargate
- Terminator
- Spaceballs
- Signs
- Serenity
- Firefly
- Planet of the Apes
- Gattica
- Aeon Flux
- Futurama
- X-Files



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ORSON SCOTT CARD
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

ENDER'S GAME

- Written by Orson Scott Card
- Published in 1977 as a short story and completed as a novel in 1985
- 1st of the series
- Protagonist: Andrew (Ender) Wiggin
- Antagonist: Peter Wiggin; adults
- Setting: The future; both on earth and in space



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- Point of View: Omniscient narrator, although mostly presented through Ender
- Tone: Increasingly urgent
- Themes: Power and Leadership, Prejudice, Bullying, Empathy, Alienation, Good and Evil, Heritage and Ancestry, Ethics, Loss of Innocence, Maturity, Courage, and the Importance of Relationships



THE PLOT

The story takes place on Earth in the future. Earth has been attacked twice by an alien species called Buggers, nearly destroying the human race. Mankind begins training young geniuses to become soldiers and commanders to fight in Earth's defense if the Buggers should ever attack again. Ender is extremely intelligent, and at the age of six years old, he goes to Battle School to be trained. Ender quickly rises to the top in Battle School and begins training.

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PREDICT

In your book, write a prediction. What do you expect will happen in Orson Scott Card's novel, Ender's Game based on what you learned today about Science Fiction and from the plot overview?

