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English 1

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READY PLAYER ONE

Summer Assignment

Study Guide Directions: After reading Ernest Cline's *Ready Player One* (Amazon ISBN-10: 0307887448 ISBN-13: 978-0307887443) students must answer all questions in the study guide in a typed response. Responses must be typed in the font Times New Roman, size 12 and saved. Instructions for digital submission will be given during the first weeks of school. Students must respond to each question in complete sentences and indicate which chapter and question number they are responding to. Students must restate the question in their response. This question guide will be counted as students' first test grade in the 1st Quarter.

Project Directions: After reading Ernest Cline's *Ready Player One* and answering the study guide questions students should create a video game avatar for themselves for the Oasis (based on the novel). Designs should be hand drawn then scanned/photographed or created digitally and submitted in full color. Designs should be appropriate for a Catholic school setting and reflect concepts and themes expressed in the novel. Students will be graded on the quality and uniqueness of their work and the assignment will count as a project grade. Students must also prepare responses for the following questions that will be asked and shared in class in September: What does this avatar say about you? How is it a fantasy and a realistic view of you, the avatar creator? Why did you choose to design your avatar in this way? What purpose or game would your avatar excel at in the Oasis?

Extra Credit: Students are also encouraged to watch the film adaptation of *Ready Player One* for avatar inspiration and compose a 1 paragraph (10-sentence) review of the film to critique its similarities and differences from the novel. This will be counted as extra credit assignment later in the 1st Quarter.

Warning: The film adaptation is not a viable source for study guide answers! **READ THE NOVEL!**

START GAME

Chapter Study Guide Questions

Directions: Carefully read each statement below. Decide whether you believe each statement to be true or false. Provide a 3-5 sentence explanation to justify your point of view.

1. The availability of video games has led to an epidemic of youth violence. T F
2. Scientific evidence links violent game play with youth aggression. T F
3. Adults are the primary market for video games. T F
4. Women/girls outnumber men in web-based games. T F
5. Because games are used to train soldiers to kill, they have the same impact on the kids who play them. T F
6. Video games are a meaningful form of expression. T F
7. Video game play is socially isolating. T F
8. Video game play is desensitizing. T F

Ready Player One Study Questions

Chapter 0000

1. Who was James Halliday, what was his big announcement?
2. Based on your reading what do you think the word “heirs” might mean?
3. How much money is at stake for the person who can solve Halliday’s riddle?
4. Summarize what an Easter egg is and how the first one came to be:
5. What is now on Halliday’s website?
6. Why is an obsession with the 80s important in the hunt for Halliday’s Easter egg?
7. What is the nickname for people obsessed with finding Halliday’s Easter egg?

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Chapter 0001

1. What kind of area does Wade live in, what tells you this?
2. What tv show is Wade working his way through to improve his gunter knowledge?
3. Why is the OASIS so important for Wade?
4. In this novel what condition is the world currently in?
5. Wade has a pretty negative view of the real world, how does your view of the world differ from Wade’s?
6. What is Wade’s aunt like and what is Mrs. Gilmore like?
7. What is Wade’s hideout?
8. What is Halliday’s message when each player logs on to the OASIS?

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Chapter 0002

1. Explain the value of the OASIS credit.
2. Explain the school’s policy for avatars and names.
3. What is a cyber-squatter?
4. Identify Wade’s avatar. What is the origin of his name?
5. Wade plans on becoming a full-time gunter after high school. What are his other options?
6. At school the only real weapons are _____.
7. How does Wade’s physical appearance differ from his avatar?
8. What had happened to the public school system?
9. Describe Oasis Public School #1873.
10. What does it mean for an Avatar to be “engaged”?
11. What is a “Sixer”? Explain how they got their name. Describe their appearance.
12. What is the purpose of Innovative Online Industries (IOI) Oology Division?
13. Who is Art3mis? Describe Art3mis’s avatar. 14. Describe Aech.

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Chapter 0003

1. What is “The Basement”?
2. What is Gygax - Google it.
3. Who is Richard Donner?
4. Describe I-r0k.
5. Identify each game in the Swordquest series and the prizes that were to be awarded.
6. What was the fate of the Swordquest series?

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Chapter 0004

1. Why did Oasis teachers seem to enjoy their job?
2. OASIS stands for:
3. What are the pro and cons to teleportation inside OASIS?
4. How do people who don't game use the OASIS?
5. Why is Wade in danger of being expelled from school?
6. What would happen if he is?
7. How long has the country been in recession?

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Chapter 0005

1. Who is Ogden Morrow?
2. What is Anorak's Quest and where did the name come from?
3. What did psychologists conclude about Halliday's eccentricities?
4. Explain how the OASIS helped people “escape the drudgery of your day-to-day life.”
5. How could the OASIS handle five million users without latency?
6. How much does it cost to sign up for an OASIS account?
7. Explain how the OASIS allowed Americans to engage in their favorite pastime: shopping. (What did they shop for?)

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Chapter 0006

1. What language did Wade study in school and why?
2. What was Wade's secret to mastering Anorak's Almanac?
3. List a few of Halliday's favorite authors.
4. What movie had the line “Only the meek get pinched. The bold survive.” Google it.
5. Pages 62-63 need to be studied! What are you interested in learning more about?
6. Re-write the opening verse of Anorak's Invitation.
7. How did Wade find the hidden message for the Copper Key?
8. Re-write the hidden message.

Chapter Player One

Chapter 0007

1. What is the Latin verb “to learn”?
2. What is the definition of Ludus ?
3. How long would it take Wade to reach the Tomb of Horrors on foot?
4. How did he manage to get there?
5. What is a lich?

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Chapter 0008

1. What feat must Wade accomplish in order to earn the Copper Key?
2. Describe Wade's experience with Joust.
3. In early video games, why could a human player always triumph over a games AI?
4. What happened in the chamber after Wade's victory?
5. Write the lines engraved in the copper key here:
6. What is trash a reference to?

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Chapter 0009

1. Who appears as Wade is exiting the Tomb of Horrors? (Describe her)
2. What happened if a player was killed while possessing a key?
3. What level is Art3mis? How many weeks has she been trying to defeat the lich?
4. Where did Art3mis get her name?
5. Describe Art3mis and Parzival's contact cards. (If you are good w/ photoshop, this could be a project.)
6. What does Wade say he'll do with the winnings if he wins? What will Art3mis do?
7. What tip does Wade give Art3mis as he leaves?

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Chapter 0010

1. What is the planet Middletown?
2. What is Art3mis's score after she gets the copper key?
3. What game must Wade now play on Halliday's computer?
4. Look online and write down what a text adventure game is. Explain.

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Chapter 0011

1. What movie has Wade found himself in, what does he need to do to complete the first gate?
2. Look up the movie Wargames, what is it about?
3. What is Wade's score when he completes the Flicksync?
4. What is Wade's dream at the end of the chapter a metaphor for?

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Chapter 0012

1. How many points did Art3mis receive for the Copper key?
2. What is a Flicksync?
3. What do Wade and Art3mis realize they MUST DO now that their names are on the leader board?
4. What happened to Morrow's wife Kira?
5. What are Wade and Aech worried about I-r0k?

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Chapter 0013

1. How did Daito and Shoto find the Tomb of Horrors?
2. Explain the origin of their names and what they were called collectively.
3. Define quatrain: Copy the Jade Key quatrain here:
4. List the four biggest gunter clans.
5. What was Wade's condition for accepting endorsement deals?
6. What would IOI do if Wade ignored their business proposition on p. 132?

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Chapter 0014

1. What is Sorrento's Employee number? (Google it and explain the significance)
2. List two reasons why the city of Columbus is significant.
3. List the details of IOI's offer to Parzival.
4. According to Sorrento, how will IOI change Oasis if they gain control?
5. List the details of Parzival's counteroffer.
6. Explain IOI's second offer.
7. What will IOI do if Parzival refuses the second offer?
8. Why does Parzival refuse the second offer?
9. What happens to Old Mrs. Gilmore?

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Chapter 0015

1. Why is Wade safe from the Sixers on Ludus?
2. Who are the High Fives? Where do they meet?
3. What have the Sixers installed over the Tomb of Horrors?
4. How do Daito and Shoto react to a possible alliance?
5. What "freaks out" Parzival and Aech at the end of the chapter?

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Chapter 0016

1. Who is the first Sixer to obtain the Copper Key?
2. What happened to the Oasis public school on Ludus?
3. What did the gunters purchase on ebay and for what purpose
4. How did the Sixers cover up the explosion in the stacks?
5. List a few details that show the deterioration of America. Do you feel these details could be accurate?
6. Who is Bryce Lynch? (Explain in detail.)

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Chapter 0017

1. Why do most people think Art3mis is a male?
2. List a few details about Art3mis.(Parents, Education, etc.)
3. Why doesn't Wade attend his high school graduation?
4. Explain, "making the climb to ninety-nine."
5. What movie do Art3mis and Parzival re-enact?

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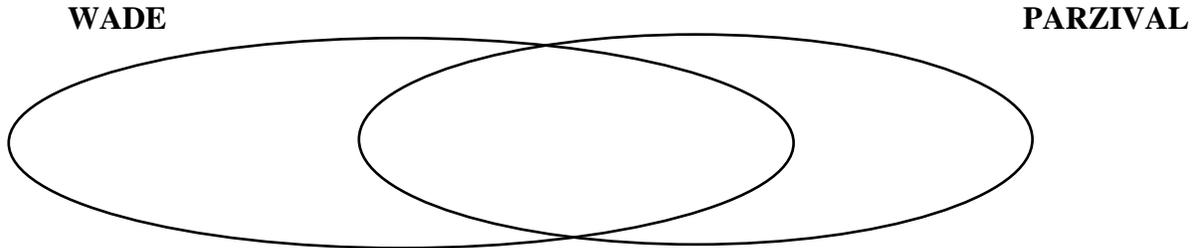
Chapter 0018

1. What does Wade tell Art3mis at Morrow's party?
2. Explain Art3mis's reaction. What does she tell Wade?
3. Why do the Sixers show up at Morrow's party?
4. How does Morrow handle it?

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Chapter 0019

1. Explain the “lockout” software Wade installs on his Oasis rig. Detail the results.
2. Compare / Contrast Wade to Parzival



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Chapter 0020

1. Why does Wade no longer participate in U.S. elections?
2. Who does he vote for in the Oasis elections?
3. List some ways Parzival and Art3mis earn money.
4. How are Parzival and Aech getting along?
5. On what quest did Parzival bond with Daito and Shoto?
6. What does the Beta capsule do and who gets to keep it?
7. What is Wade’s primary source of income?
8. Who is the first to find the Jade Key?

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Chapter 0021

1. What is the Cataclyst?
2. What is Fyndoro’s Tablet of Finding and who owns it?
3. What planet does Wade think holds the Jade Key?
4. What is the name of Wade’s most frequently used spacecraft?
5. How did he get it?

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Chapter 0022

1. What was the very first video game and who made it?
2. What was the second video game ever made and who made it?
3. Name the perfect game Wade plays and his prize.
4. Who is the next person to find the Jade Key and what information do they pass along to Wade?

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Chapter 0023

1. What do you have to do to complete the text adventure game Zork?
2. What does Wade’s ring of teleportation allow him to do?
3. What does Wade find in the mansion that wasn’t originally listed in the game Zork?
4. How many points did Wade receive for getting the Jade key?
5. How is the Jade key originally different than the other keys?

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Chapter 0024

1. Why is Daito no longer on the scoreboard?
2. Who gets through the second gate first?
3. What will Wade do if the Sixers reach the egg first?
4. Why does Shoto want to meet Wade, what do you think happened to Daito?

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Chapter 0025

1. Describe what happened to Daito in the real world.
2. Shoto's real name is:
3. Daito's real name is:
4. Are they really brothers? Describe their relationship.
5. What are hikikomori? What are they sometimes called?
6. What does Shoto give Wade and why?
7. What is Shoto's new quest?

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Chapter 0026

1. Explain The Unicorn.
2. What is a Voight-Kampff machine?
3. What game must Wade defeat to pass the second gate?
4. What prize does he choose for completing this task?

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Chapter 0027

1. Who are the "Gods of the North?"
2. What was the album that inspired the next quest?
3. Where is the Crystal Key hidden? Write the lyrics here:
4. How does Wade unlock the next clue?
5. Write the clue here:
6. Where is the third gate located?
7. What object are the sixers using to protect the gate?
8. Why is Wade now terrified?

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Chapter 0028

1. What movie, other than Explorers, is Joe Dante known for?
2. Why is Bryce Lynch arrested?
3. What is his punishment?
4. What does Wade do to his computer before he is arrested?

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Chapter 0029

1. Explain Wade's new job and the conditions of his indenturement.
2. What happened to most people who became indentured and how did they feel about it?
3. List two items Wade must wear to prevent his escape.
4. What must Wade do in order to earn access to the Vintage Movies library?
5. What is the real reason Wade has taken this huge risk?

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Chapter 0030

1. What are perk points?
2. What item did Wade acquire from the L33t Hax0rz Warehouse auction?
3. Briefly explain Wade's plan.
4. What will happen if Wade's passwords don't work?
5. What information does Wade learn about Art3mis?
6. Why would Wade record what happened to Daito? (infer)
7. What is the sixers plan for Art3mis and Shoto?

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Chapter 0031

1. What would happen to Wade if he's found trying to leave with the stolen flash drive?
2. What almost causes Wade to get caught at the building's lobby?
3. How long had Wade been undercover as indentured?
4. How does Wade purchase a handgun?

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Chapter 0032

1. What song holds the secret to entering the third gate?
2. Write the verse here:
3. What request does Wade email to every single Oasis user?

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Chapter 0033

1. Why is Ogden Morrow offering to help Wade and his friends?
2. What does he offer the group?
3. OGDEN MORROW IS BASED OFF OF WHAT 80'S MOVIE CHARACTER? (Not directly stated in book)
4. What video clip has surfaced on some newsfeeds?
5. How does Aech's RV run?
6. Describe Aech in detail. (appearance, name, parents, etc.)
7. What is Wade's initial thought when he meets Aech?
8. Morrow's Mansion and the surrounding area looks a lot like:
9. Why does Art3mis refuse to see Wade when he arrives?
10. Why did Morrow and Halliday end their friendship?
11. What is the origin of: Reindeer Flotilla Setec Astronomy?

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Chapter 0034

1. What song does Wade blast from Leopardon?
2. Identify each character chosen Robot: Art3mis, Aech, Shoto, Sorrento, 10 Sixer Avatars:
3. What is SD-03 and what does it do?

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Chapter 0035

1. Why does Shoto choose to stay behind to fight Sorrento?
2. What item does Wade use to defeat Sorrento?
3. What does Wade need to do to get three key locks to appear?
4. What happens at the very end of this chapter, why do you think this happens?

Ready Player One**Chapter 0036**

1. What destroys everything at the beginning of this chapter?
2. Explain how Wade is the avatar left alive.
3. What else in the game are indestructible?
4. How does Wade reach the final gate?
5. What does Wade announce on his POV channel?

Ready Player One**Chapter 0037**

1. What game is the first quest of the third gate?
2. Copy the quote from Shakespeare's final play.
3. How do you earn extra credits in the first version of this game?
4. How many sixers are right behind Wade?
5. What must Wade complete in order to pass stage two?

Ready Player One**Chapter 0038**

1. What is significant about the only computer that powers on to begin stage three?
2. Explain the origin of the password that powers on the rest of the computers.
3. What does Wade do to find and acquire the Egg?
4. What does he do with the Egg?
5. What favor does Halliday ask of Wade?
6. Why did Halliday create the Oasis?

Ready Player One**Chapter 0039**

1. Write 50 words on what Wade has learned at the end of this novel.

Avatar
Example Page

