

READY PLAYER ONE: The Study Guide

Chapter 000:

- 1- When do the events of this story take place?
- 2- What is The Hunt?
- 3- Describe the OASIS.
- 4- What is an “Easter Egg”?

Chapter 1:

- 1- What evidence is provided to convey that the setting is dystopian?
- 2- What drives Wade to spend most of his time in the OASIS?
- 3- Explain the significance of the Stacks

Chapter 2:

- 1- Explain the significance of Wade’s avatar name
- 2- Describe Ludus
- 3- Who are the “Sixers” and what is their role within IOI?
- 4- Who is Art3mis? In what way is Art3mis unique from other avatars?

Chapter 3:

- 1- What is Wade able to infer about Aech? What evidence is there to support this?

Chapter 4:

- 1- If someone asks you about life inside the OASIS, how would you explain it to them?
- 2- Explain the intricacies and functions of zones within the OASIS

Chapter 5:

- 1- What are some “well-known obsessions” of James Halliday? How might this influence Wade’s quest?
- 2- Who is Ogden Morrow? What can you say about him?
- 3- What is the biggest benefit of the OASIS? Explain your position.

Chapter 6:

- 1- At this point, how would you characterize Wade? What evidence can you provide to support your characterization?
- 2- Explain the significance of *Anorak’s Almanac*.

Chapter 7:

1- Where does Parzival suspect the Copper Key is hidden? Be specific.

Chapter 8:

1- As Parzival moves through the Tomb of Horrors, what items does he obtain? How can these benefit him?

2- To obtain the Copper Key, what challenge must Parzival complete?

3- Explain the significance of Middletown, Ohio.

Chapter 9:

1- How does Art3mis discover that Parzival is lying to her about his achievement?

Chapter 10:

1- What is the most significant event to happen in this chapter?

Chapter 11:

1- What restrictions does the OASIS place on players during challenge quests such as finding a Key or Gate?

2- After clearing the First Gate, Parzival now has “several hundred thousand experience points.” Why does this matter?

3- What does Parzival’s dream foreshadow?

Chapter 12:

1- What is the nature of Halliday’s and Morrow’s relationship? Be specific.

2- How did Aech figure out where the first Key was located?

3- Leopardon—what is this? Why do you think he mentions it?

Chapter 13:

1- What are the names of the two new Gunters who find the key?

2- What are Wade’s feelings about the endorsement offers he receives? How does he respond to them?

3- What does Wade do regarding Sorrento’s attempts to contact him?

Chapter 14:

1- Describe Wade’s interactions with Sorrento? What does Wade take away from their interaction?

Chapter 15:

1- Name the members of the “High Five.” What is discussed at their meeting?

Chapter 16:

- 1- Where are the OASIS servers located?
- 2- How does Wade manage to get there?

Chapter 17:

- 1- How does Wade's relationship with Art3mis progress in this chapter?

Chapter 18:

- 1- Describe Ogden Morrow's 73rd birthday party.
- 2- What major development occurs at the party?

Chapter 19:

- 1- Who is Max?
- 2- What physical changes has Wade experienced?

Chapter 20:

- 1- How do Daito, Shoto and Wade collaborate in this chapter?
- 2- What is Wade's "real life" job like?

Chapter 21:

- 1- How does Art3Mis find the Jade Key?
- 2- Who is John Draper and what does he have to do with the Jade Key riddle?

Chapter 22:

- 1- What is Archaide?
- 2- Explain the importance of Happytime Pizza.

Chapter 23:

- 1- What does Wade find in the box of Cap 'n Crunch cereal?
- 2- What happens to this object?
- 3- How does Wade attempt to repair his relationship with Aech?
- 4- What happens to Daito at the end of the chapter?

Chapter 24:

1- Who is the first to discover the Crystal Key?

Chapter 25:

1- What does Shoto reveal about Daito's death?

2- What did Daito leave for Wade?

Chapter 26:

1- What connection to the movie Blade Runner does Wade think about in his efforts to unlock the Second Gate?

2- What prize does Parzival claim after winning the game Black Tiger?

Chapter 27:

1- Explain the significance of Rush, music and musical instruments to this chapter.

2- What do the Sixers do to Castle Anorak?

Chapter 28:

1- Parzival gets arrested. Why? Who arrests him and how do they take him into custody?

Chapter 29:

1- What is *THX 1138*? And why is it particularly appropriate to bring it up here?

2- What does "indenturement" mean in the context of this book, this chapter?

Chapter 30:

1- How does Parzival use his imprisonment for his own gain?

2- What is the most important thing Parzival discovers in this chapter?

Chapter 31:

1- How does Parzival escape?

2- Why does Parzival need the best connection to the OASIS that he can possibly get?

Chapter 32:

1- Why is *Schoolhouse Rock* important?

2- Parzival and company write an open "letter" to all the gunters. What is the basic point of the letter?

Chapter 33 :

- 1- Why does Og intervene in the competition at this time?
- 2- How does Parzival feel when he meets Aech in person for the first time?
- 3- Why doesn't Parzival meet Art3mis when he gets to Og's place?
- 4- Og tells Parzival that Halliday was never "very good with people." What is the example that he talks about that illustrates this?

Chapter 34:

- 1- Was Parzival's letter to gunters [Chapter 32] successful? How do you know?
- 2- How is it that Parzival destroyed the spherical shield protecting Castle Anorak?

Chapter 35:

- 1- What is Mechagodzilla and why is it a problem?
- 2- Who is the first of Parzival's group of avatar friends to "die"? What are the circumstances of this avatar's "death"?
- 3- Who "wastes" Sorrento? How does Sorrento "die"?
- 4- What happens at the end of this chapter?

Chapter 36:

- 1- What is the Catalyst? Who used it? Why did they use it?
- 2- What is significant about the quarter Parzival has? Where did he get it? How does he use it in this chapter?
- 3- What are Chuck Taylors? Why are they important in this chapter?
- 4- What does Parzival vow at the end of this chapter? What is Art3mis' reaction?

Chapter 37:

- 1- This chapter begins with a Shakespearean connection. What is it?
- 2- What happens the moment a person entered the Third Gate?
- 3- What movie does Parzival have to "play" his way through to get to Halliday's room?

Chapter 38:

- 1- What is LEUCOSIA? And why is it important?
- 2- What mistake does Halliday warn Parzival not to make?
- 3- What happens to Sorrento?

Chapter 39:

- 1- Why does Wade say he "had absolutely no desire to log back into the OASIS"?