

Global Connections' Common Reading Essay Contest for *Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline

In the future when *Ready Player One* takes place, Wade Watts attends a public school in the virtual reality of the OASIS. Education in the OASIS mimics the classic "classroom" setting while utilizing the innovation and controls of technology. You are invited to examine the future application and effects of a virtual reality based educational system in an essay of up to 750 words. The essay with the most creative, compelling content will win a \$500 cash prize*.

All submitted essays will be reviewed by a panel of 3-5 Washington State University staff. The panel will review all essays using [the same rubric](#).

Eligibility Requirements

- You must be a currently enrolled WSU Global Campus student
- OMBA, EMBA students are not eligible for this prize per S&A fee funding
- All submissions must be entered by Sunday, November 26 at 11:59pm
- One essay submission is allowed per student

Criteria for submissions

- Essay must be 750 words or less
- If you choose to cite any sources outside of *Ready Player One*, you must include a works cited page. Your works cited page is not included in your essay's word count.
- Essay must be creator's own original work and must not contain any plagiarized content.
- You must submit your essay to global.connections@wsu.edu in a Word or PDF file.
 - You submission must include the "Essay Contest Application."

Essay Rubric

- Essays will be judged by a panel of WSU staff on their:
 - Content
 - Creativity and Originality
 - Conventions, Mechanics and Spelling
 - Evidence and Analysis
 - Style

* Award is taxable income. Winner is solely responsible for reporting the amount on income tax return.

WSU Global Connections' Common Reading Essay Contest Application

Ready Player One, Fall 2017

Contact Information

Name: _____

WSU ID Number: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

WSU Email Address: _____

Entry Information

Title of Essay: _____

Release and Understanding of Submission Criteria (*initial each statement*)

___ This work is solely my own creation and does not contain any plagiarized material.

___ By submitting an entry into the WSU Global Connections' Common Reading Essay Contest, I understand that I am not guaranteed any compensation, award, or prize.

___ WSU is permitted to use and reproduce my essay to promote and report on the essay contest and future events.

___ I understand that if I win the prize of \$500 for this essay contest, the prize money is taxable income. It would be my sole responsibility as a prize winner to report this income on my taxes.

Print Name

Signature

Date of Entry

