

Ready Player One Comprehension Questions:

1. Where and when does the story take place? How do you know?
2. Who is the main character in the story? How would you describe this character?
3. Some characters play small roles in the story? Describe one of the characters who are playing a smaller role.
4. Describe the extent and impact of global climate change in the novel. What caused the global energy crisis? How has it impacted society? Do you think it is possible that we will see a global energy crisis of this magnitude by 2044? Support your answer with data.
5. On page 25, Wade Watts explains how he creates a mechanism for recharging his device using, "a rack of old car batteries and a modified exercise bike." Based on principles of physics, explain how this mechanism could work.
6. Did the author do a good job of world-building? Could our community start looking like the stacks by the year 2044?
7. The OASIS becomes a part of daily life for users around the globe. What virtual realms (Google, Facebook, flickr) do you depend on? Is it dangerous to mix profit and dependence on technology?
8. Explore the question of identity raised in the novel. What do the characters' avatars tell us about their desires and their insecurities? In

reality, does our physical appearance give false clues about who we really are?