

## Create Your Own Future

### Directions:

*Ready Player One* takes place in 2044. Past events have affected the current world Wade/Parzival lives in for better or worse. What past events have created the world, as we know it in 2013? What are we doing now that will affect what our 2044 will be like?

### Themes:

Community	Identity
Game Play	Popular Culture
Sustainability/the Environment	

### Part 1

In a 500-700 word essay, address the following questions:

1. What action, idea, or concept stood out to you in *Ready Player One*?
2. Why did this action, idea, or concept stand out to you?
3. How does this relate to one of the five themes in the book?
4. What can you do in the next nine months to address this issue? Check out student groups at K-State to see if any could be relevant!

### Part 2

Create a timeline with five events that relate to your theme. Find four events that have affected your theme and predict one future event that is related to your theme. For your future event, write what you think it will be and why you are predicting it. In a bibliography, write down the sources you used to find your events in the following format and include a link to your timeline at the top:

Event:

Title:

Author:

Date published:

URL: (if it's an electronic source)

Justification:



Sample events can include: influential publications, date an organization was formed, date of an influential speech, creation of a building, and more. Pick one of the following sites to create your interactive timeline.

<http://www.tiki-toki.com/>

<http://www.dipity.com/>

<http://timeglider.com/>

<http://www.myhistro.com/>

*Alternative:* If you are not creating an interactive timeline, create a timeline using Word or PDF.



*Sample assignment:*

**Part 1:** Essay

**Part 2: Bibliography**

<http://www.tiki-toki.com/timeline/entry/151155/Ready-Player-One-and-Sustainability/>

1. Event: Rachel Carson publishes “Silent Spring” in 1962 and that starts the environmentalism movement.  
Title: The Life and Legacy of Rachel Carson  
Author: Linda Lear  
Date published: 1996  
URL: <http://www.rachelcarson.org/Biography.aspx#.Ugj6l9LzRWY>
2. Event: Kansas State University establishes Sustainability Intern Program  
Title: History of Sustainability at K-State  
Author: K-State University  
Date published: 2011  
URL: <http://sustainability.k-state.edu/about/history/>
3. Event: Kansas State University wins LEED Gold certification for the Leadership Studies Building  
Title: School of Leadership Studies Building Snags Honors  
Author: K-State University  
Date published: 2011  
URL: <http://www.k-state.edu/media/k-statement/vol33/21611leed.html>
4. Event: As of 2013, there are 2,611 wind farms in Kansas  
Title: Existing Kansas Wind Farms  
Author: Kansas Energy Information Network  
Date published: 2013  
URL: [http://www.kansasenergy.org/wind\\_projects.htm](http://www.kansasenergy.org/wind_projects.htm)

Event: I predict that in 2044, all of Kansas State University’s buildings will be sustainable. I am predicting that because it seems as though all new buildings are trying to get LEED certification and I don’t think we will build a new building without it being sustainable. If K-State’s Sustainability Task Force continues until 2044, I believe there will be a push for new buildings and campus initiatives to be sustainable.

