

The Outsiders

Final Project

Part 1: Choose one of the following topics on which to write a five paragraph essay. Your essay should feature a strong introductory paragraph, three paragraphs that support your claim, and provide text evidence, and a conclusion that sums up your paper.

- Write a five paragraph essay defining the term “outsider” as related to the novel. Express the alienation that leads to Ponyboy’s errors in judgment. Additionally, apply the word to two other characters (Darry, Dally, Johnny, Cherry, or Randy). Include supporting examples from the novel.
- Write a five paragraph essay discussing the importance of gangs to the Socs and greasers. Include supporting examples from the novel.
- Write a compare and contrast five paragraph essay relating the similarities and differences in the novel to the movie version.

Part 2: Choose and complete one of the following creative projects of your choice.

- **A New Perspective**
 - *The Outsiders* is written from Ponyboy’s first person perspective. However, he is certainly not the only character who has a major role in the book’s action. Select another character from the novel and re-write a chapter from that person’s perspective. Make sure that your chapter uses language that is fitting with the time that it was written and the facts given in the book remain the same. Anything not stated in the book must be in fitting with the characters and the chain of events in the book.
- **Sequel:**
 - What happened next? Write a sequel to *The Outsiders* where you predict what comes next in the lives of the characters. Be sure to write it as a story, and not just an essay explaining what you think. The story must show evidence that you understood the book and its characters.
- **Windrixville Newspaper**
 - After the fire, a newspaper article is written about the boys being heroes. Write this newspaper article. Then, make the newspaper page including headlines, pictures, etc. the article must be 1-2 pages (500 words minimum) formatted as a newspaper- you need to *fill* all the space- look at a real newspaper- no space is ever left empty.
- **Movie Trailer**
 - Create a movie trailer for the new version of the film. James Cameron’s new version of The Outsiders needs a trailer to get the audience interested in seeing it. Use music and quotes as well as foreshadowing and important scenes from the book (but don’t give away the whole story). Film the trailer (at least 2-1/2 minutes) and then write a description of why you believe this trailer makes audiences want to see the film (1/2 page, typed, double spaced).
- **Eulogy**

- Write a eulogy for either Johnny, Dally or Bob. Choose a character who you think would be asked to give a eulogy at the funeral of one of these characters. As that character, write and deliver a speech about his life and what he meant to you. You must include facts and events from the book as well as character observations about who they were and why they were important. The eulogy must be at least 2 pages (typed, double spaced, times new roman, 12 point) or 550 words minimum. Remember, your eulogy will be read out loud, so make sure you read it while editing.
- **Nothing Gold Can Stay**
 - Take the Robert Frost poem “Nothing Gold Can Stay” (p. 77) and explain its meanings in relation to the themes of the novel. This explanation should be at least a page long (typed, double spaced, times new roman, 12 point). To further illustrate your point, draw a picture to accompany and enhance your explanation.
- **Book Jacket**
 - Design a new book “jacket” or cover that would effectively represent this novel. The book jacket will require all elements (ie., cover, spine and back). Book title, author, a brief written description and illustrations must be included.
- **CD cover and Sound Track**
 - Select 4 songs that would represent four scenes from the novel “The Outsiders”. These are songs that could become part of the “new” soundtrack for a new version of the movie. Design a CD cover for the four soundtracks that you have selected. The graphics on the CD cover must be hand drawn. In a class presentation, you will briefly play part of each selection and explain why you think that it would accurately represent a specific scene from “The Outsiders”.
- **Comic Strip**
 - Design an eight panel comic strip that represents an event / scene from the story.
- **“The Outsiders” Trivia Board Game**
 - Create a board game that challenges the players understanding of the novel. Your board game must include a minimum of 20 trivia questions, board, player pieces and a clear description of the rules of the game. You may wish to refer to other trivia / board games for ideas.
- **Outsiders Glossary / Dictionary**
 - Compile a list of words / terms (minimum 20 words) specific to the time period that his novel was written (1960’s). Define each term and provide an interesting and colourful illustration for ten of the terms listed.
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Part 3: The Outsiders Worksheets.

- Students must hand in their completed worksheets for each chapter. They will be marked both for completion and for content, so ensure that you have done a good job.