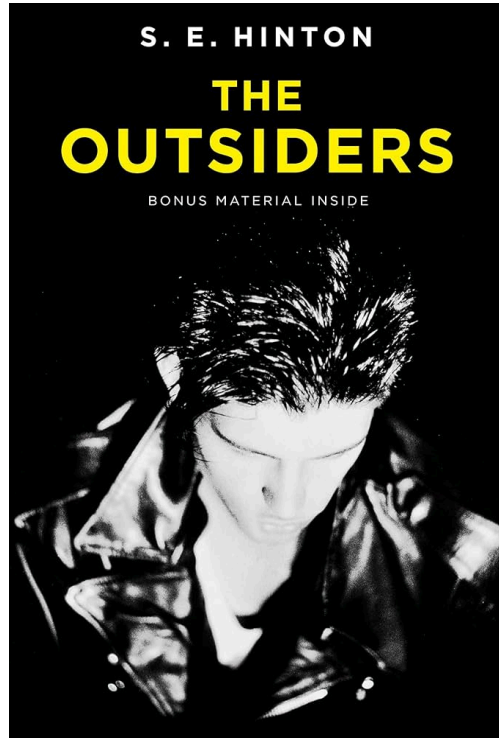


Students Entering Grade 8
Summer Reading

Read “The Outsiders” and complete the attached chart.



The Outsiders
By S.E. Hinton
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No one ever said life was easy. But Ponyboy is pretty sure that he's got things figured out. He knows that he can count on his brothers, Darry and Sodapop. And he knows that he can count on his friends—true friends who would do anything for him, like Johnny and Two-Bit. But not on much else besides trouble with the Socs, a vicious gang of rich kids whose idea of a good time is beating up on “greasers” like Ponyboy. At least he knows what to expect—until the night someone takes things too far.

The Outsiders is a dramatic and enduring work of young adult fiction that laid the groundwork for the genre. S. E. Hinton’s classic novel of a boy who finds himself on the outskirts of regular society remains as powerful today as it was the day it was first published.

In a Google Doc, answer the following questions, which are due on the first day we return from summer break. You can print your responses or share them with Miss Toner at kathleen.toner@staugustinesri.com

1. Paragraph 1-2 - Plot Summary: What is the book about? Summarize the plot of the book in two paragraphs in complete sentences.

2. Paragraph 3 - Favorite Scene: Describe with details the setting of your favorite scene in the book. Be sure to include where and when this scene is taking place. Write at least one paragraph in complete sentences.

3. Paragraph 4 - Interesting Character: Pick the character you think is the most interesting. What attributes (characteristics) does this character possess that make that character especially interesting to you? Name at least three traits and give specific examples from the story of the character displaying each trait. Write one paragraph in complete sentences.

4. Paragraph 5 - Conflict and Resolution: Describe the major problem in the story which the protagonist(s) (central character(s)) must overcome and describe how the problem was solved. Write one paragraph in complete sentences.

5. Paragraph 6 - Conclusion: What is one thing that you liked about the book? What is one thing you would change about the story? Would you recommend this book? Why or why not?