

June 2023

Dear Incoming Eighth Graders,

I am so happy to be your teacher for Language Arts next year. 8th Grade is the highlight of your academic life so far. You will be the leaders of the school. Take this role and run with it. Show everyone what you're made of. Be THAT class that Holy Savior Academy will never forget.

1. You will be reading the novel The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton. As you read, you will complete the attached questions, making sure you answer all parts of every question in complete sentences. You will also do the Vocabulary definitions before you read each chapter. These papers will be collected and graded the first week back. You can hand write the answers or type by chapter. There will be a TEST on the novel and you will write a THEME Essay during the first two weeks of school.
2. You will also read any other grade appropriate book. You will also keep a Reflective Journal of your reactions/feelings to each chapter. This may be typed or written in a composition notebook. It will be collected the first week back in school.

I hope you have a wonderful summer. I look forward to watching you grow into almost high schoolers!

Mrs. Sammons

VOCABULARY

CHAPTER 1-2

THE OUTSIDERS

Asset:

Gingerly:

Unfathomable:

Sagely:

Rivalry:

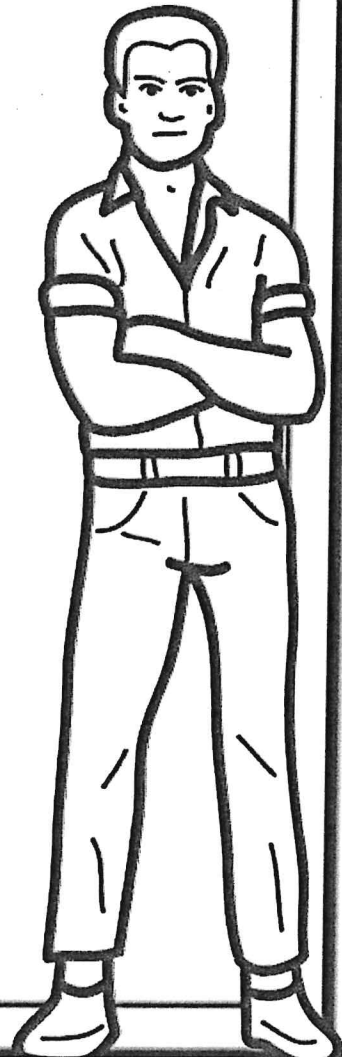
Roguishly:

Abiding:

Digested:

Incredulous:

Nonchalantly:



CHAPTER I

THE OUTSIDERS

1) Why is Ponyboy at the movies by himself?

2) Who are the "Greasers"? Why do they have this name? How do they behave? _____

3) Who are the Socs"? Why do greasers hate them? _____

4) What happened to Ponyboy's parents? Who does he live with? _____

5) What is the difference between "tough" and "tuff"? _____

CHAPTER 2

THE OUTSIDERS

1) Who are the girls that Ponyboy meets at the drive-in? _____

2) How does he know them? _____

3) Why were the girls watching the movie alone? _____

4) What happened to Johnny that made him so nervous? _____

VOCABULARY

CHAPTER 3-4

THE OUTSIDERS

Sophisticated:

Aloofness:

Elite:

Resignedly:

Gallantly:

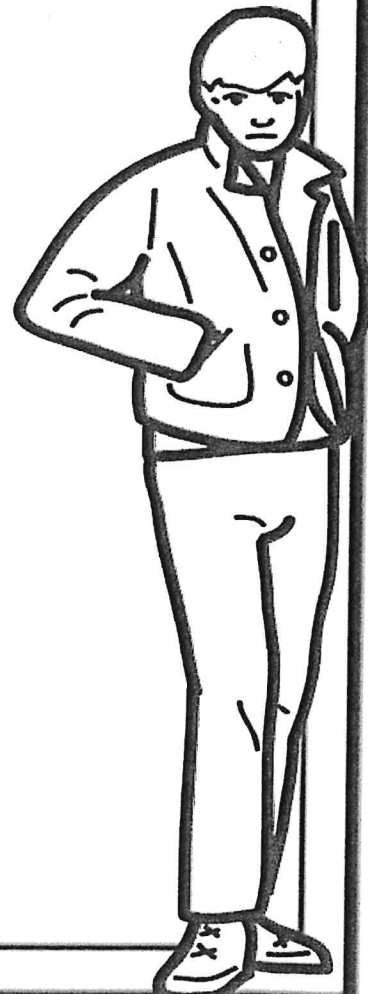
Apprehensive:

Defiance:

Contemptuous:

Sheepish:

Bewildering:



CHAPTER 3

THE OUTSIDERS

1) What does Cherry feel is the difference between Socs and Greasers?

2) What is the name of Soda's horse? What happened to his horse? Do you think this is an example of the hardships greasers suffer? Explain your answer.

3) What does Ponyboy realize about Cherry and sunsets? Do you think this shows that Socs and Greasers are not so different after all? Explain your answer.

4) Why didn't Ponyboy, Marcia, and Twobit drive Cherry and Marcia home?

CHAPTER 3

THE OUTSIDERS

4) Of page 44, there is an example of foreshadowing. What do you think it is?

5) Why did Ponyboy want to run away? _____

6) Ponyboy wrote "things gotta get better, I figured. They couldn't get worse. I was wrong". In a paragraph, write what you think will happen. _____

CHAPTER 4

THE OUTSIDERS

- 1) Who came to the park looking for Ponyboy and Johnny? _____

- 2) Describe what the Socs tried to do to Ponyboy. What did Johnny do to stop them? _____

- 3) Who did Johnny and Ponyboy go to for help? What advice did he give them? _____

VOCABULARY

CHAPTER 5-6

THE OUTSIDERS

Imploringly:

Sullenly:

Elude:

Subside:

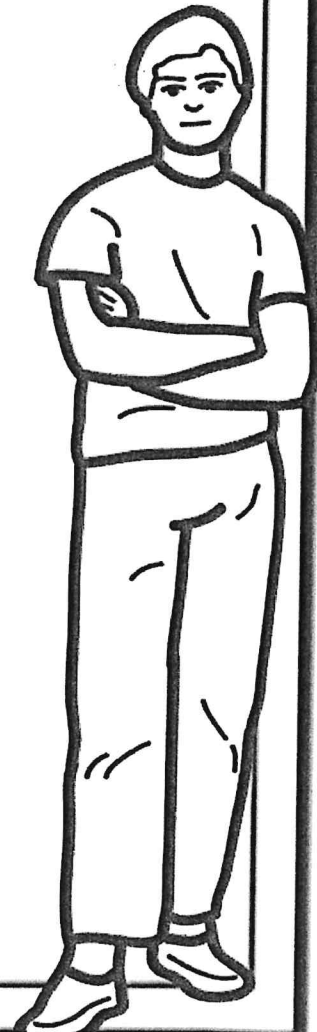
Wistfully:

Doggedly:

Conviction:

Detached:

Bewilderment:



CHAPTER 5

THE OUTSIDERS

1) What vision does Ponyboy have as he wakes up in the church?

2) Why didn't Ponyboy want to cut and color his hair?

3) Why does Johnny compare the "gallant" Southern men to Dally?

4) What do you think "nothing gold can stay" means?

5) Who is their spy? Why has this person taken on this role?

CHAPTER 6

THE OUTSIDERS

1) Why did Ponyboy fool around instead of shooting when hunting with his father? Why does Pony not tell Dally? How do you think this shows Ponyboy's character as being different from Dally? _____

2) What do the boys discover when they get back to Jay Mountain? _____

3) What terrible thing do the boys realize about what is happening inside the church? What do they do about it? What do their actions say about their characters? _____

VOCABULARY

CHAPTER 7-8

THE OUTSIDERS

Exploit:

Delinquent:

Aghast:

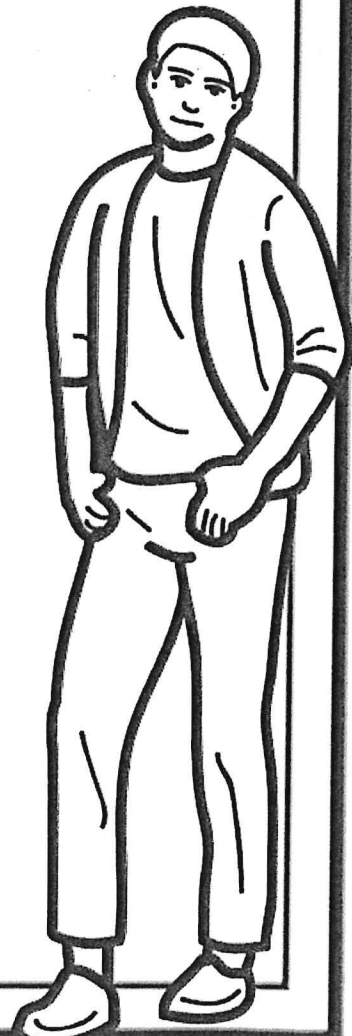
Manslaughter:

Radiate:

Faltered:

Jet:

Divert:



CHAPTER 7

THE OUTSIDERS

1) What does the doctor say is going to happen to Johnny and Dally? _____

2) What is going to happen between the Socs and the Greasers? Why won't Randy be there? _____

3) What does Randy understand about the hopelessness of the Greaser's situation? _____

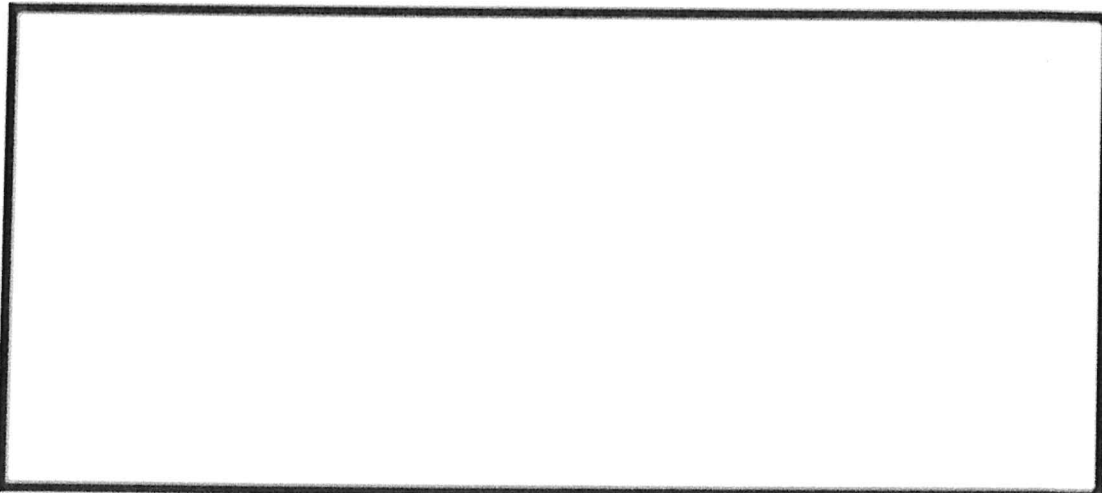
CHAPTER 8

THE OUTSIDERS

1) Why does Ponyboy think Johnny is like a Southern gentleman from Gone With the Wind?

2) Why does Dally want out of the hospital so quickly?

3) Illustrate a key scene from this section of the story in the space below.



VOCABULARY

CHAPTER 9-10

THE OUTSIDERS

Leery:

Conformity:

Taut:

Contract:

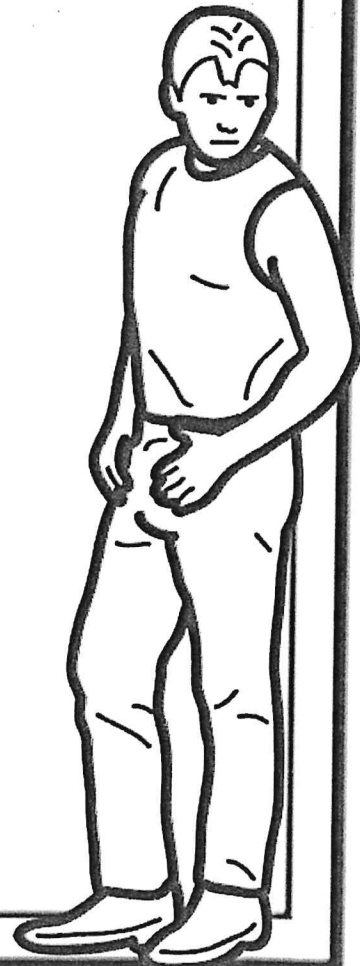
Ruefully:

Stupor:

Stricken:

Clad:

Delirious:



CHAPTER 9

THE OUTSIDERS

1) How does Ponyboy feel about fighting? How do the other Greasers feel about it?

2) Why does Darry not want to let Ponyboy fight in the rumble?

3) Why does Ponyboy think that no one blames Socs for what happens in the conflict between the Socs and the Greasers? How does Ponyboy feel the world judges who is good and who is bad?

4) Who shows up at the last minute to join the rumble? How did he get out of the hospital?

CHAPTER 10

THE OUTSIDERS

1) How does Ponyboy react to Johnny's death?

2) Why does Ponyboy think Dally takes Johnny's death so hard?

3) What happens to Dally in the park? Why did Dally do this?

4) Why does Ponyboy think Dally dies "gallantly"? Do you agree? Explain your answer.

VOCABULARY

CHAPTER 11-12

THE OUTSIDERS

Idolized:

Hearing:

Guardian:

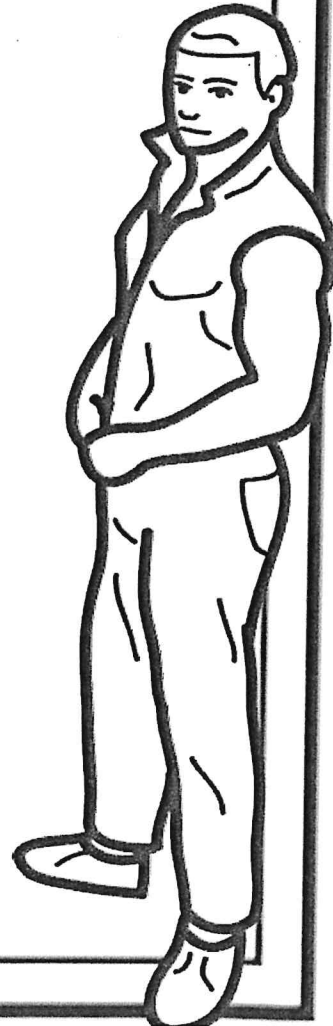
Liabile:

Vacuum:

Vast:

Veered:

Aquitted:



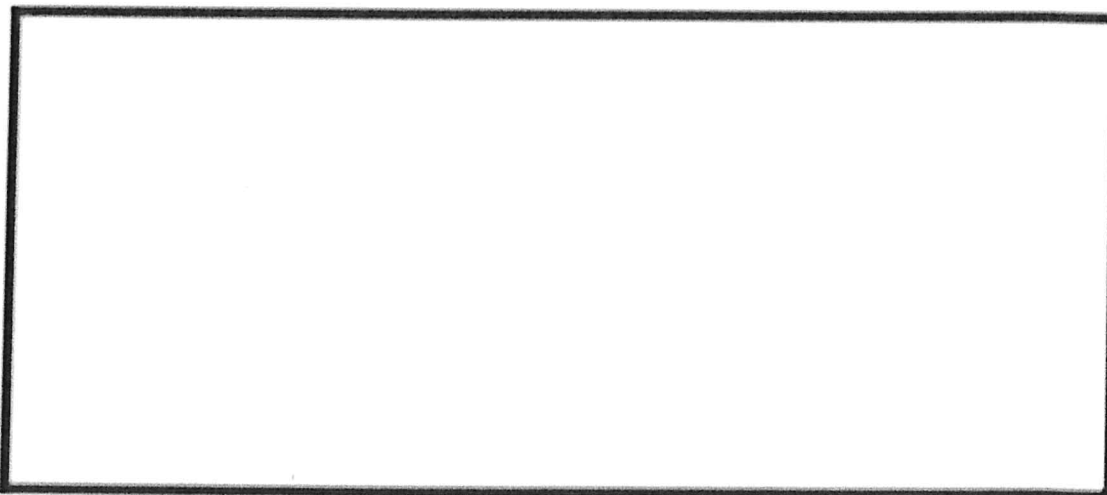
CHAPTER II

THE OUTSIDERS

1) Who comes to visit Ponyboy?

2) What strange claim does Ponyboy make to Randy? Why? How does Randy respond?

3) Illustrate a key scene from this section of the story in the space below.



CHAPTER 12

THE OUTSIDERS

1) Why do you think the judge doesn't ask Ponyboy about how Bob died?

2) What was the outcome of the trial?

3) Why does Sodapop run away? What is Soda's complaint about how his brothers treat him? What do Darry and Ponyboy promise?

4) What does Ponyboy decide to write for his English project? Who does he decide this?
