

Dear rising seventh graders,

This summer you will read *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton, who was only sixteen when she wrote this book based on her experiences observing rival gangs in her native Oklahoma in the 1960s. It is a wonderful story about friendship, family, and the ties that bind us.

There is a very famous and enjoyable movie based on this book. You are welcome to watch the movie but please DO NOT watch the movie first. Not only would that be academically dishonest but it could also take away from your enjoyment of the book.

I have defined some of the 1960s slang on the final page of this packet.

In addition to *The Outsiders*, you are required to read at least 2 selections from the library's book list, which can be found at: <http://library.danahall.org/readinglists/summer-reading>. For each of those books, write two paragraphs explaining:

- **Paragraph 1:** the title, author and a brief summary of the book. Try to end the summary at a cliffhanger to make it more fun to share with your classmates in the fall.
- **Paragraph 2:** Which character you found the most interesting and why and your overall opinion on the book.

As you read:

1) Have a pen or pencil in hand and mark up the text. Underline words or phrases that stand out to you. In the margins jot down observations or questions to bring up in class.

After you read:

Please respond to the following questions in complete, grammatically-correct sentences. Please have this document on your iPad so that you can submit it to Schoology on the first day of classes.

1. Describe a conflict that two characters had with each other and explain how that conflict affected the plot of the book.
2. Describe an internal conflict that one of the characters had. (An internal conflict is a mental struggle or dilemma within one person.)
3. Choose a character who changes throughout the book. Write a paragraph explaining what your character was like in the beginning of the book, what happened to your character that caused him or her to change, and how he or she changed.
4. Pick a different character and draw a picture of him/her. Only include details that the text supports. You can draw this on Noteability or on a separate piece of paper. You can label your picture.
 - a. Come up with three adjectives that describe this character's personality.
 - b. Short answer (3-5 sentences): Would you want to be friends with this character?

The Outsiders: 60s Slang

- bawl: sob or cry hard
- barrel race: a type of competitive horse racing (the horses hurdle over barrels)
- beer blast: a party with alcohol and underage drinking
- boozed up/ booze: to drink alcohol/ alcohol. In Oklahoma before 1969, the drinking age was 18 years old (not 21 like today).
- broad: a woman (this is an impolite term and implies that the woman is unsophisticated)
- Corvair: a sportscar
- cooler: jail
- cussed: cursed/swearing
- dames: women or girls (a slightly more polite term)
- dig: understand or 'know the score' ("You dig?" means, "Do you get it?")
- doll: someone who is very cute and attractive (male or female)
- drive-in: a movie theater or restaurant where you drive up and watch or eat in your car
- "get sick": throw up or vomit
- Glory!: An exclamation (like, "Wow!" or "Gosh!")
- greaser: a young tough kid or member of a street gang; has long, greased hair and wears leather and denim
- half-crocked: half crazy or half out of your mind (maybe because of alcohol or lack of sleep)
- hood: short for hoodlum; a thug or a criminal
- IQ: a somewhat outdated intelligence test
- jumped: to be attacked (for money or fun)
- Kools: a type of cigarette
- madras: multi-colored striped or plaid fabric; the Socs wear madras jackets and/or pants
- pop: soda
- rat race: a pressured, exhausting routine or way of life
- rumble: an organized fight between two gangs or groups
- saddle bronc: another type of competitive horse racing
- slugged: punched very hard
- soc: A "Social"-- a rich, preppy person from the west side of Tulsa. Enemies of the greasers and are often violent towards the greasers. Name is pronounced "soash" or "soashes"
- tuff: cool way of saying "tough," meaning that the person is really cool and strong
- a weed: in this case, a tobacco cigarette (the meaning has changed today)
- "you ain't a woofin'": a sarcastic comment showing agreement; close to "You're not kidding!"

Outsiders Vocabulary:

ABRUPTLY suddenly

ACQUITTED discharged completely, set free from a legal charge
AGHAST amazed; stupefied
AIMLESSLY without direction' without purpose
APPREHENSIVE afraid, suspicious
ASSET worth
BEWILDERING confused, perplexed
BOOTLEGGING selling alcohol where not legally available
COMPLICATED involved, complex
CONTEMPTUOUSLY scornful, insolent
CONTENT satisfied, pleased
CONVICTION strong belief
COWLICK tuft of hair growing in a different direction
DEBATING deciding
DELIRIOUS confusion, disordered speech, hallucinations
DESPERATE driven to take any risk
ELITE a select body, the best
ELUDED escaped, avoided
EXPLOITS heroic acts, adventures
FLINCHING betraying fear, pain or surprise with an involuntary gesture
GORGED swallow with greediness
GRASPED understood
GROGGY not fully awake
IMPLORINGLY beseechingly
INCREDULOUS unbelieving
INDIGNANT disgusted, anger with contempt
INHALATION to breathe into the lungs
LEERY wary, suspicious
LONED by oneself
MIMICKING imitating, ridiculing
NONCHALANTLY indifferently
PITY compassion for suffering
PREMONITION previous warning, information, feeling
QUIVERING trembling, shaking
RECURRING returning, repeatedly
RELUCTANTLY unwilling, struggling
RESIGNEDLY giving up, accepting the future
RESEMBLANCE likeness, similarity
RUEFULLY regretfully, sorrowfully
SLOUCHED an ungainly gait
SOPHISTICATED cultured, worldly
STUPOR senses are deadened
SULLENLY gloomily, somber
VEERED swerved, turned aside from a course or direction

VITAL essential, necessary to life
WINCED to shrink back as if in pain