

***The Outsiders***

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Grade 8 Summer Reading Assignment

**Directions:** Type ( size 12 font, double-spaced) or neatly write your responses to the following. Respond in complete sentences and **proofread work**.  
**Assignments must be reviewed and signed by parents.**

- a. Describe the book's setting ( time and place ).
- b. **Ponyboy, Dally and Johnny** are the main characters in the book. Tell who these characters are and describe their character traits. **Cite specific evidence from the book for each character and reference the page numbers.**
- c. Discuss the struggles and problems each character faced. How did each character deal with his problem?
- d. How does the author attempt to humanize (civilize, make less harsh)
  1. the Greasers?
  2. the Socs?**Cite two examples from the text for each.**
- e. Explain what Johnny means when he tells Ponyboy to "stay gold"?
- f. There are several themes in the novel. Discuss **one** theme and cite three pieces of evidence (reference the page #'s) to support your response.
- g. What do you think Ponyboy's future will be?  
What do you think Dally's future would have been?
- h. What is your overall evaluation of the book? Would you recommend the book?  
Why or why not?