

The Outsiders

Book Report

Part 1 (10 Points)

Vocabulary

Define each of the following words and place each in a complete sentence.

Tension

Bewildering

Reformatory

Apprehensive

Affection

Contemptuously

Concession

Quivering

Sympathetic

Reckless

Dumbfounded

Peroxide

Cunning

Incredulous

Switchblade

Part 2 (10 Points)

News Article

Write the news story that the local paper carried about Johnny, Ponyboy, Dally, and the rescue of the children. Be sure to include the "how" of news reporting, and all the W's: who, what, where, when, why. Make up some of your own details that are not given in the novel. Be sure to be as descriptive and creative as you possibly can.

Use the newspaper article handout and the sample article given as a guide.

Handouts provided:

1. How to write a newspaper article

Part 3 (10 Points)

Creating Female Roles

Imagine that you are preparing a remake of *The Outsiders*, keeping the same basic roles but recasting at least 2 parts for females. Which roles would you cast as female instead of male? Why would you choose these particular roles? What kind of changes would you have to make to the plot?

Write 3 descriptive paragraphs including citations (quotes) from the novel.

Part 4 (10 Points)

Creative Writing

Experiment with the novel's point of view, as if you were S.E. Hinton deciding how to tell the story. Rewrite the first paragraph of the story 2 times, choosing from the following points of view:

1. An omniscient narrator
2. Sodapop Curtis
3. One of the Socs who jumped Ponyboy
4. One of the other Greasers

How would the story be different if Hinton had used a different point of view? Which point of view do you think works best? Why?

Part 5 (10 Points)

Plot Summary

Provide a 3-5 paragraph plot summary of the novel. Include the mood/atmosphere of the novel, characters, theme/s, and conflicts that are apparent in the novel. Try to make your writing flow and use transitional words and phrases whenever possible.

Part 6 (20 Points)

Paper Bag Book Report

Use the handouts provided to make your paper bag report.

Handouts provided:

1. Paper bag report planning sheet
2. Plan it out
3. Present your paper bag to the class
4. Rubric (how you will be graded)

Part 7 (10 Points)

Poster/Creative Project

Develop a poster that shows the main theme of the novel, characters, conflict and mood. Be as creative as you possibly can and have fun with it!!! Use whatever materials you want and make it as neat and colourful as you can!!!

Or

Create a diorama which recreates a particular scene in the novel. For this you will need to bring in a shoe box, glue, markers/ leads – anything you feel would help recreate the scene you are developing.

Part 8 (10 Points)

Friendly Letter

Write a letter from Ponyboy to his brother Darry (or Sodapop), dated today. (Use the first person I) Show what Ponyboy is doing, where he is living, what his career is. Also show what his brother(s) are up to. Make it sound like Ponyboy. Make it plausible.

Use the sample letter handout provided as a guide to follow.

Part 9 (10 Points)

Compare/Contrast

Use the handout provided to compare and contrast the movie and the novel. Include at least 8 similarities and 8 differences. Use complete sentences.



