

## ***The Outsiders* Unit**

English 1-2 Honors

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I think that you will enjoy *The Outsiders*, an easy and enjoyable novel about growing up. This novel addresses themes that perhaps involve you in some way (alienation, friendship, family, and death). Most students find this novel to be one of the most enjoyable ones of the year.

This is your syllabus for the novel. It includes both the daily schedule and the explanation of the various assignments. Plan ahead so that you are not writing your Showcase paper the evening before it is due.

**Six-second writing:** We will continue our work on “Exploding a Moment” in writing. We will take a scene from the novel, and add description. The first scene is at the drive-in.

**Test Questions:** You will show your understanding of the novel by creating five excellent test questions that challenge students on your assigned chapter. You will be in a group of two or three. You will email the questions to another group, who will then compile into a class test. One other group will create a character matching quiz (up to twenty questions).

### **Showcase #4**

You will have a second opportunity to display your writing in a Showcase paper. Here are two choices for this assignment:

- ◇ **“I am an Outsider”:** *a narrative CIM sample* that explores ways in which you feel like you are different than others. This is a personal essay that will explore one way in which you are different than the mainstream. Please write something more than, “I dress differently than others.” Be specific, interesting, and compelling.
  
- ◇ **“The Outsider”:** Write a fiction story about a character who is different than the crowd in some way. Note: This Showcase choice will change the limit from 550 words to 1100 words. It can, of course, be two pages long. *An imaginative CIM sample.*

**Thursday, 1/9**

- ◊ Collect biography projects
- ◊ Introduction “Growing Up” unit
- ◊ Outsider poetry

*Homework: chaps 1-4*

**Monday, 1/13**

- ◊ Quick8: “How am I an outsider?”
- ◊ Discussion
- ◊ class reading
- ◊ Select Test Question groups today

*Homework: chaps 5-8*

**Wednesday, 1/15**

- ◊ Discussion on plot and characters
- ◊ Six-second writing
- ◊ View clip from “Spider-Man”
- ◊ Write scene from movie theater

*Homework: Finish novel*

**Friday, 1/17**

- ◊ **Complete novel by today!**
- ◊ Quick8: “Choose another six-second writing topic from anywhere in the book. Must involve Ponyboy.
- ◊ Work on writing test questions (5 per group)

*Homework: Type and email questions by 8 am on Monday, 1/20.*

*Email to:*

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**Wednesday, 1/22**

- ◊ Exam (about 70 points)
- ◊ Work on Showcase #4

*Homework: Showcase #4*

**End of Semester One**

**Wednesday, 1/29**

- ◊ Collect Showcase papers
- ◊ Casting the movie
- ◊ Begin “The Outsiders” film

**Friday, 1/31**

- ◊ Finish The Outsiders film

Showcase #4	50 points
Quick8’s	10 points
Six-seconds	20 points (10 each)
Test questions	25 points
Exam	70 points (approx.)

**Total: 175 points**