

The ABC's of *The Outsiders*

These exercises will help you to analyze various aspects of S.E.Hinton's *The Outsiders*. In taking apart her work and looking at it carefully, you may discover her craft in writing and appreciate this classic work of literature in new and different ways. Most students like the plot and characters created by Hinton but, often times, that first response to the book is superficial. After a careful analysis, you can present well informed opinions and mature evaluations based on your use of literary criticism.

Choose one for 50
points:

A

Illustration:

Select a major scene from the story and create artwork on a 9"x12" poster board. The scene should include images accurate to the scene and be neat and complete with a title and your name. On the back, attach an explanation of what you have created and the page numbers on which the scene plays out in the novel.

Literary Devices

Meme:

Choose two literary devices from the list below and create a meme for each. Your memes should be clever and original. Please do not simply search memes already created and present them as your own work. Uhhhhhhh, we can check on that. Print out your memes, and write a short explanation about how they demonstrate the literary devices that you have chosen.

Foreshadowing
Allusion
Metaphorical Language
Diction/Slang
Hyperbole

Choose one for 100
points:

B

Character Breakdown:

Select two major character and analyze their strengths and weaknesses as per the chart.

Theme Analysis:

Select two major themes developed in *The Outsiders*; analyze and interpret them by following the directions in the packet.

Choose one for 150
points:

C

Elements of Literature

Analysis:

Choose two of the these elements: Irony
Symbol/Allegory
Conflict
Setting
Point of View
Analyze and interpret according to the packet directions.

Author Presentation:

Google Slides, Power Point Presentation, or Prezi on S.E. Hinton. Follow the instructions on the handout and present your findings in an informative and creative manner. Use Gale Group for your research and document in MLA format.

B

Character Strengths and Weaknesses

S.E Hinton's character development is exceptional in that many are round and dynamic. Ponyboy is the main character, and you may select to analyze him; however, there are also others who shape Ponyboy that are worthy of a closer look. In this exercise, identify two major characters who are complex and discuss their strengths and weaknesses.

First Character's Name and Strength Adjective	Evidence from Novel	Page Numbers
	1. 2.	1. 2.
First Character's Name and Weakness Adjective	Evidence from Novel	Page Numbers
	1. 2.	1. 2.

Name _____ Class Period _____ Date _____

Second Character's Name and Strength Adjective	Evidence from Novel	Page Numbers
	1. 2.	1. 2.
Second Character's Name and Weakness Adjective	Evidence from Novel	Page Numbers
	1. 2.	1. 2.

Name _____ Class Period _____ Date _____

B

Theme Analysis

The Outsiders has many themes that are recognizable and relatable to teens. Identify two major themes found in the novel. Make a thematic statement (in sentence form) for each, and support each idea with three quotes from the narration or the dialogue. Cite the page numbers on which you found the passage. Interpret how the quote proves the theme.

Literary Definition of Theme:

Theme 1:

Quote 1:

Page # and Interpretation:

Quote 2:

Page # and Interpretation:

Quote 3:

Page # and Interpretation:

Theme 2:

Quote 1:

Page # and Interpretation:

Quote 2:

Page # and Interpretation:

Quote 3:

Page # and Interpretation:

Name _____ Class Period _____ Date _____

C

Elements of Literature Analysis

All authors use the elements of literature when they create fiction. They are the foundation for every story. Choose two of the elements listed below:

Irony Symbol/Allegory Conflict Setting Point of View

Give a literary definition for each element you have selected. In the novel, find three examples that show how S.E. Hinton has used the element to develop her story. Give page numbers when it's a scene or a quote. Evaluate how her use of the element makes a good novel for high school study.

Element 1:

Literary Definition:

Example 1:

Example 2:

Example 3:

Evaluation:

Element 2:

Literary Definition:

Example 1:

Example 2:

Example 3:

Evaluation:

Name _____ Class Period _____ Date _____

C

Author Biography Presentation

Research S.E. Hinton using Gale Group Database and document using MLA format. Present the info using Google Slides, Power Point or Prezi.

Somewhere in your presentation, be sure to include one (or more) photograph of the author with documentation that shows where you found the image.

Slide 1* Personal history highlights as affected the author such as but not limited to
Birth date, education, hometown, inspirations, family life
Documentation of sources

Slide 2* List of works, awards, honors
Documentation of sources

Slide 3* Author's impact on literature
Documentation as needed

Slide 4* Coincidence(s) with novel
Documentation as needed

*This information may require additional slides depending on your design.

Worksheet

Name _____ Period _____ Date _____

Answer with complete sentences. Be sure to punctuate. If you have more entries, please write on the back.

While I Am Reading *The Outsiders*:

I.) In the first quarter of the book, these events stand out in my memory:

1.

2.

3.

4.

II.) In the second quarter, these events stand out:

1.

2.

3.

4.

III.) In the third quarter, these stand out:

1.

2.

3.

4.

IV.) In the last quarter, these events stand out:

1.

2.

3.

4.

I am confused about:

Where is God in this novel?