

### 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.





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# 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:

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#### Theme 2:

Quote 1:

Page # and Interpretation:

Quote 2:

Page # and Interpretation:

Quote 3:

Page # and Interpretation:

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## 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:

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### **Element 2:**

Literary Definition:

Example 1:

Example 2:

Example 3:

Evaluation:

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# 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**

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*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?