

CCSS ELA Reading, Writing, Speaking, & Listening

# S.E. Hinton's *The Outsiders*

## Interactive Layered Flip Book

**With Answer keys!**

This block features a collage of various educational resources for the book *The Outsiders*. Visible items include:
 

- Character Chart Answer Key:** A table with columns for Name, Physical Description, and other character traits.
- Literary Terms Answer Key:** A table defining terms like Symbol, Theme, and Point of View.
- Plot Diagram Answer Key:** A diagram showing the structure of the story (Exposition, Rising Action, Climax, Falling Action, Resolution).
- Study Guides:** Various text-based guides and worksheets.



- The 1960s were a time of great change in the United States when teenagers were outspoken and they hated the Vietnam War and the establishment caused it to continue.
- ✓ They resented the fact that young people from minorities and underprivileged backgrounds were not given opportunities to succeed.
  - ✓ To voice their dissatisfaction, they had sit-ins and protests: many became hippies, and others turned to drugs.
  - ✓ The Civil Rights Movement successfully advocated equal rights
  - ✓ Martin Luther King Jr. is assassinated on April 4, 1968
  - ✓ Robert F Kennedy is assassinated on June 6, 1968
  - ✓ Neil Armstrong Walked on the Moon July 1969
  - ✓ Woodstock Festival in 1969

The Outsiders and S.E. Hinton  
Vocabulary

Thematic Response

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# ★16 pages in the flip book★

## S. E. Hinton

- Susan Eloise Hinton was born in 1950 in Tulsa, Oklahoma
- She published her first book when she was only 17 years old
- Hinton wrote the first draft of *The Outsiders*, her first book when she was only 15
- She published the book when she was 17 with the author as S. E. Hinton because people would assume it was a male author that way
- All of her stories are set in Tulsa, OK
- Her books deal with teenage problems: poverty, rejection, violence, alcohol and drug abuse
- Although her youthful characters often reject authority, they always have a sense of hope in her novels
- The publishing of the outsiders allowed her to attend the University of Tulsa where she earned her degree in education



### Hinton's Influence

- "I started reading about the same time everyone else did, and began to write a short time later. The major influence on my writing has been my reading. I read everything, including Comet cans and coffee labels. Reading taught me sentence structure, paragraphing, how to build a chapter. Strangely enough, it never taught me spelling."

### The 1960's & Social Upheaval

- The Outsiders* was published in 1967, a restless time in the United States when teenagers were outspoken and rebellious.
- They hated the Vietnam War and the establishment that caused it to continue.
- They resented the fact that young people from minorities and underprivileged backgrounds were not given opportunities to succeed.
- To voice their dissatisfaction, they had sit-ins and protests: many became hippies, and others turned to drugs.

### Historical Moments of the 60's

- American Forces arrive in Vietnam in 1961
- President John F. Kennedy is assassinated on November 2, 1963
- The Beatles arrive in the US in 1964
- Malcolm X is assassinated Feb. 21, 1965
- The Civil Rights Movement successfully advocated equal rights
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## The Outsiders and S.E. Hinton

Bridging the Gap  
 Socs' and greaser  
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Examples from text:

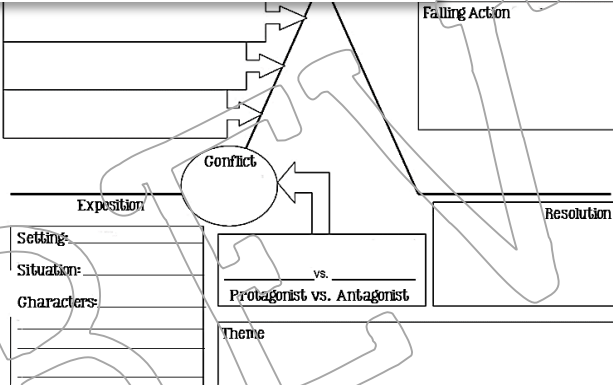
Honor Among t  
 Greasers see it as  
 and authorities

Examples from text:

### Story Plot

Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Author: \_\_\_\_\_

## Thematic Response



## Plot Diagram

Conflict: List the types of conflict

Type of Conflict
Man vs. self
Man vs. society
Man vs. Man
Man vs. fate

Foreshadowing: Listed are 3 events that supports each one.

Event	Evidence from the text
1. The fire in the church	
2. Johnny's Death	
3. Dally's death	

## Applying Literary Elements

Two Bit Matthews	
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## Characters

hastily: \_\_\_\_\_  
 roguishly: \_\_\_\_\_  
 incredulously: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chapter 3:  
 gallantly: \_\_\_\_\_  
 aloof(ness): \_\_\_\_\_  
 elite: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Chapter 4:  
 apprehensive: \_\_\_\_\_  
 defiance: \_\_\_\_\_  
 contemptuously: \_\_\_\_\_

## Vocabulary

6. Contrast Dally's approach to Cherry and Marcia with Pony's.
  7. Contrast Cherry's response to Dally with her response to Pony.
  8. Why were Cherry and Marcia alone at the drive-in?
  9. Why was Pony surprised that he was getting along with Cherry and Marcia?
  10. What had happened to Johnny prior to the time of this story?
- Chapters 3-4
1. After talking with Cherry, what reason does Pony finally give for the separation between Greasers and Socs?
  2. Who were Cherry and Marcia's boyfriends?
  3. Why didn't the Socs and Greasers fight during their first encounter after the movie?
  4. Why was Pony late coming home from the Nightly Double?
  5. What caused Pony to "run away?"

## Guided Reading Questions

Term	Definition	Example from The Outsiders
setting		
point of view		
first person		
third person		
narrator		
characterization		
major character		
minor character		
protagonist		
antagonist		

## Literary Terms

# ★ Answer Keys for everything ★

## Character Chart Answer Key

Name	Physical Description	Personality Traits	Important Events
Ponyboy Curtis	14 years old Dyed hair blonde & cut it to disguise himself, which is major; Reasons he gets sick, smokes, smoke inhalation, mentally beaten up, sleeping in a cold, dirty place for a week, not eating well	smartest Greaser - skipped a grade likes to walk and read likes movies and books likes to pretend he is part of the movie prefers to be alone loves Soda more than anyone believes being a Greaser or a Soc is just the way things are. Neither is any better than the other	feels Darry doesn't love him - nothing is good enough for Darry After Johnny kills Soc Realizes "There are worse things than being a greaser" Hid in abandoned church w/ Johnny Realizes for the first time that Darry doesn't hate him; Darry loves him
Steve "Soda Pop" Curtis	16 yrs old Handsome 6 feet tall	not into reading or the arts most loved by Ponyboy understands people Full of life Never drinks Young at heart	Doesn't yell at Ponyboy Thinking of marriage Dropped out of school
Darry Curtis	20 years old - strong, athletic, and intelligent	Works - not into reading or the arts very rough on Ponyboy without meaning to be The unofficial leader of the greasers, he becomes an authority figure for Ponyboy.	Wants Pony to be better than he is, which is why he's so tough on Pony Wanted to go to college, but had to care for his brothers Cries when he sees Ponyboy Leaves house unlocked so others don't get in trouble
Johnny Cade	younger than the rest of the Greasers, older than Ponyboy small, timid "puppy" that's been kicked one too many times"	BAD home life Dally's pet Worship Dally Smart when he has time to think about things Seems to not be scared or anxious only when he's saving the kids from the fire	Jumped by 4 Socs - Spoke up to Dally and defended Cherry at the movie Carried a switchblade after he was nearly beat to death - they badly burned & injured in the fire - broken back, paralyzed below the waist, 3rd degree burns - "The lies, but he stuck in his house he hates with the parents who don't care about him, unable to walk, can't even get away. The heart of the gang" he realized the others to show some caring and be less tough.
Dally Winston	mean-looking guy icy blue eyes and, unlike his friends, does not put grease in his white-blond hair.	arrested at 10 yrs. Old from wild side of NY tough, cold, mean, seems to easily turn off his emotions (rare quality) Was in jail Pony says, "It would be a miracle if Dally loved anything" The only thing Dally does honestly is ride horses in races	Dally helps Johnny & Pony run (Sun & S) Cars about Johnny - surprised Johnny wants to turn himself in - then away from police - Put effort into helping them out Not Dally's style Put out fire on Pony's back Went back into burning church to save Johnny after telling Pony & Johnny to let the little kids just burn to death Pony says, "He could take anything," meaning nothing could ever hurt Dally
Two Bit Matthews	Greaser Sideburns 18 yrs old, H.S. Junior	Always throwing in his "two bits" Shoplifter, smarting off to cops Liked fights, blondes, and school	

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## Literary Terms Answer Key

Term	Definition	Example from The Outsiders
setting	time and place of story	Time: mid-1960s Place: Tulsa, OK
point of view	The perspective from which a story is told	The Outsiders is told in first-person point of view
first person	character within the story is telling it; "I"	"When I stepped out into the bright"
third person	someone	
narrator	a person	
characterization	the method of describing a character	
major character	plays a significant role	
minor character	less important	
protagonist	the central character	
antagonist	the force that opposes the protagonist	
simile	a comparison like or as	
connotation	the idea or feeling that a word suggests	
allusion	a reference to a person, place, or thing	
foreshadowing	when an author hints at events to come	
alteration	the repetition of a word or phrase	
metaphor	the comparison of two things	
theme	the underlying message or meaning	
personification	non-living things are given human qualities	

## Conflicts Answer Key

Type of Conflict	Example
Man vs. self	Pony does not feel like a greaser when he gets his haircut.
Man vs. society	Johnny and Pony will not be judged fairly by the police for the murder.
Man vs. Man	Pony threatens the Socs with a broken bottle.
Man vs. fate	The greasers were born into poor families.

## Foreshadowing Answer Key

Event	Evidence from the text
1. The fire in the church	"I wonder what it would be like inside a burning ember" "If that church ever caught fire, there'd be no stopping it"
2. Johnny's Death	"They sure were cool of guys...after I had read the part about them riding into sure death." "Nothing Gold Can Stay"
3. Dally's death	"They sure were cool of guys...after I had read the part about them riding into sure death." "It ain't loaded, but it'd sure help in a bluff" "He kept it unlocked to keep one of the gang from robbing a gas station or something"

## Allusions Answer Key

Allusion	Reference
Great Expectations	Pony feels like he is marked as lousy, just like the main character in this book, because he is a greaser. (p. 15)
Gone with the Wind	Johnny admires the southern gentlemen in his book because they are gallant. (Chapter 5)
Nothing Gold Can Stay	This foreshadowed Johnny's death. It also reflects the theme "stay gold"

## Symbols Answer Key

Symbol	Meaning
Two-Bit's Switchblade	Two-bit's switchblade is his most prized possession and, in several ways, represents the disregard for authority that greasers traditionally prize themselves. The blade is stolen; it represents a sense of the individual power that comes with the potential to commit

## STUDY GUIDE ANSWERS CONTINUED

### Chapters 7-9

1. What additional problem did the three brothers face after Pony's return? the social services workers would place Sodapop and Ponyboy in a boy's home
2. Why did Randy want to talk to Pony?

he couldn't believe a Greaser would risk his life like that  
he would not have gone into the fire to rescue the kids  
Bob was his best friend, a really great guy

3. When Johnny's mother came to visit him at the hospital, what was Johnny's reaction?

Johnny didn't want anything  
got so upset that he passed out

4. Why wouldn't Cherry go with them? She couldn't bring her car
5. Compare and contrast the boys and the Socs.

- Darry - pride
- Steve - hatred
- Sodapop - fun
- Two-Bit - conformity

6. What did Pony say was the best thing about being a Greaser?
7. Identify Paul Holden by giving at least 3 descriptions of each.

- former co-captain of the football team
- used to be one of Darry's friends that were loyal
- a Soc that hated Darry
- unofficial "leader" of the Socs

8. Who "won" the rumble?
9. Where did Dally take Pony to the hospital to see Johnny?
10. How do we know Dally felt better about Pony's death?

- Truly no one because nothing was won
- Dally told Ponyboy in his hearing that he had let him toughen up
- look out for himself and be tuff like Dally

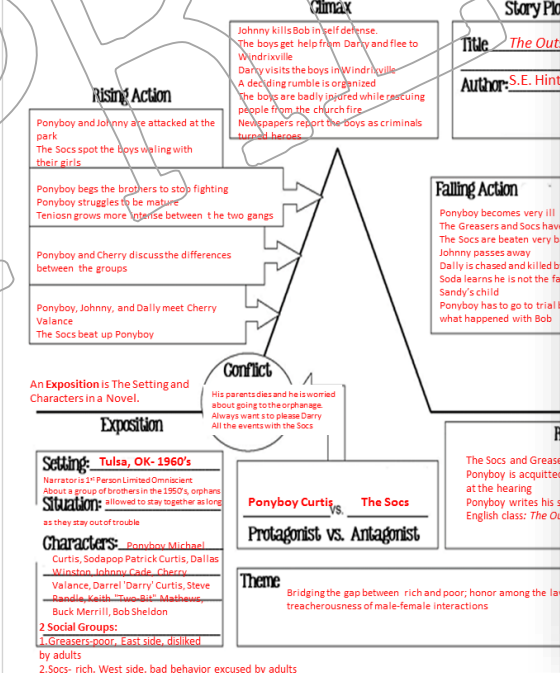
12. What were Johnny's last words?

"Stay gold, Ponyboy - stay gold"

### Chapters 3-4

1. After talking with Cherry, what reason does Pony finally give for the separation between Greasers and Socs? The Socs kept all their emotions bottled up inside and presented a calm, cool façade while the Greasers were too full of emotions that they spilled out all over the place
2. Who were Cherry and Marcia's boyfriends? Cherry's boyfriend was Bob. Marcia's boyfriend was Randy
3. Why didn't the Socs and Greasers fight during their first encounter after the movie? They didn't fight because Cherry stopped them, she hated fighting

## PLOT DIAGRAM ANSWER KEY



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