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The Outsiders – 8th Grade ELA

To be completed over the summer, due at the beginning of school year.

Character Chart – Fill in the chart below with information about the character given as you read the novel. This will help you with the character study and studying for your test. If you need more space, write on another sheet of paper. You will submit this as your first ELA major grade assignment for first quarter.

Character	Age	Physical Description (2 items)	Personality Traits (3 items)	Significant Events (2 items)
Ponyboy Curtis				
Sodapop Curtis				
Darry Curtis				
Dally Winston				
Johnny Cade				

Two-Bit Matthews				
Steve Randle				
Cherry Valence				
Tim Shephard				
Bob				
Randy				

Gangs – On this page, you should keep track of the differences and similarities between the two gangs, the Socials and the Greasers. Write the differences about each gang in the outside columns. Write the similarities in the inside column.

Greasers	Similarities	Socials

Terminology – On this page, define the terminology of the term along with an explanation of it being used in the novel.

Term	Definition from novel context (NOT dictionary definition)	Example as used in the novel
The cooler		
The fuzz		
Gallant		
Greaser		
Heater		
JD		
Jump		
Rumble		
Soc		
Snooker		
Tuff		

Choice Board – Select ONE of the four choice boards. This should be completed on a separate paper and completed in the quality of a MAJOR grade. The length of your choice board should fall between 1-2 pages in length.

<p>Create a court case file prosecuting or defending Johnny in Bob’s murder trial. Include an opening argument, rationale for his innocence or guilt, evidence to support this claim, questions to ask him on the stand, and a closing argument.</p>	<p>Write a newspaper article about one of the major events in the novel. Be sure to include the who, what, where, when, and why. Newspaper articles have headlines and bylines. Please set up in column format when writing.</p>
<p>Finish the story. Write an ending that lets us know where the boys end up five to ten years in the future. Be sure you try to match Hinton’s writing style as much as possible and write from Pony’s point of view.</p>	<p>Write an obituary in the local newspaper for one of the deceased characters. Be sure to include details about the character’s life and death. *See template below.</p>

***Obituary Guidelines**

Write an obituary for a character that has died. You may make your writing serious or humorous. You may fill in information not provided with creative writing (such as parent’s names or birth place).

An obituary is a short writing about a recently deceased person. It includes basic details about the person’s life. Obituaries are factual, but should also include insights into who the person really was.

Parts of an Obituary:

- Deceased full name, including nicknames
- Birth and marriage information, may include location and dates
- Death information, including date, location and manner of death. Specific information on the death may be omitted if from violence or if the survivors wish to keep it private. May include if the deceased was surrounded by family or comforted by a close friend or spouse, if applicable. Include age of deceased at time of death.
- Birth information, including parents, date, time, and location
- Brief story of the deceased’s life, include schooling, important events, special skills, and other important details. The life story is one of the most important parts, as it is a reflection on that person’s life and legacy.
- List close relatives that died before the deceased
- List close relatives that have not died yet (worded “the deceased is survived by” these people)