

June 2024

Dear Incoming Eighth Graders,

8th Grade is the highlight of your academic life so far. You will be the leaders of the school. Take this role and run with it. Show everyone what you're made of. Be THAT class that Holy Savior Academy will never forget.

1. You will be reading the novel The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton. As you read, you will complete the attached Character Sketches, Summary Choice paper, and Journal Starters. These papers will be collected and graded the first week back.

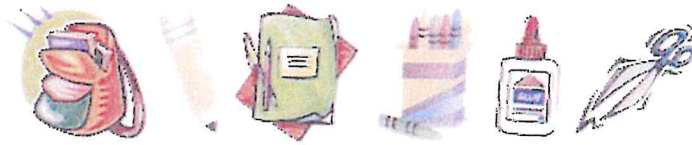
You can hand write the answers or type by chapter.

There will be a TEST on the novel and you will write a THEME Essay during the first two weeks of school.

2. You will also read any other grade appropriate book. You will create a One-Pager to showcase your book during the first full week of school. You must have the book with you when school starts.

I hope you have a wonderful summer. I look forward to watching you grow into almost high schoolers!

Mrs. Sammons



MIDDLE SCHOOL-LANGUAGE ARTS SUPPLY LIST 2024-2025

- 1- 12 pack of pencils ***** (already sharpened)
- 2- Pink or gum erasers
- 4- pens (red, black, blue)
- Highlighters- at least 3
- Dry Erase Markers- preferably EXPO brand (4 pack)
- Colored pencils or 24 pack of crayons
- 3-glue sticks (have back up at home please)
- Scissors
- Large soft zippered pencil case- NO HARD BOXES
- 2 - folders
- 1 - Marble composition notebook labeled: Writer's Notebook. NO SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS FOR L ARTS.
- 1- Multi-pocket Folder (Usually has 6 - 8 pockets)
- 1- 1" Binder
- Earbuds in ziplock bag labeled with student's name
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 pack of computer paper
- 1 box of tissues

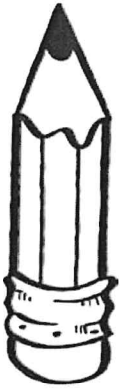
Please remove all supplies from the packages and have them in the pencil case.

THE OUTSIDERS

JOURNAL STARTERS

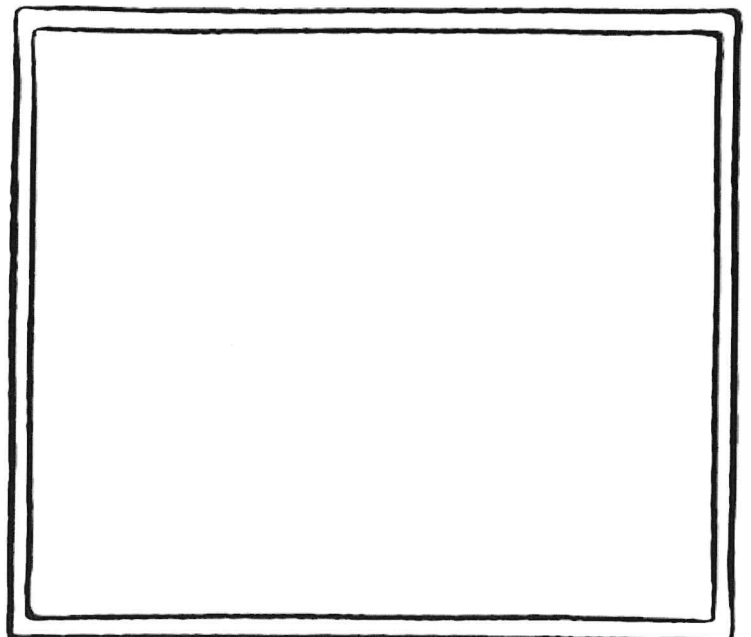
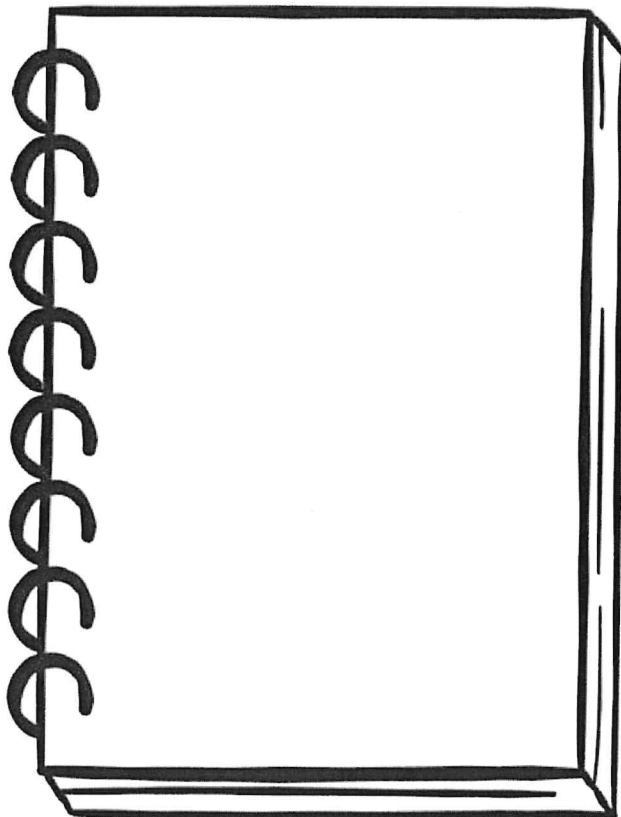
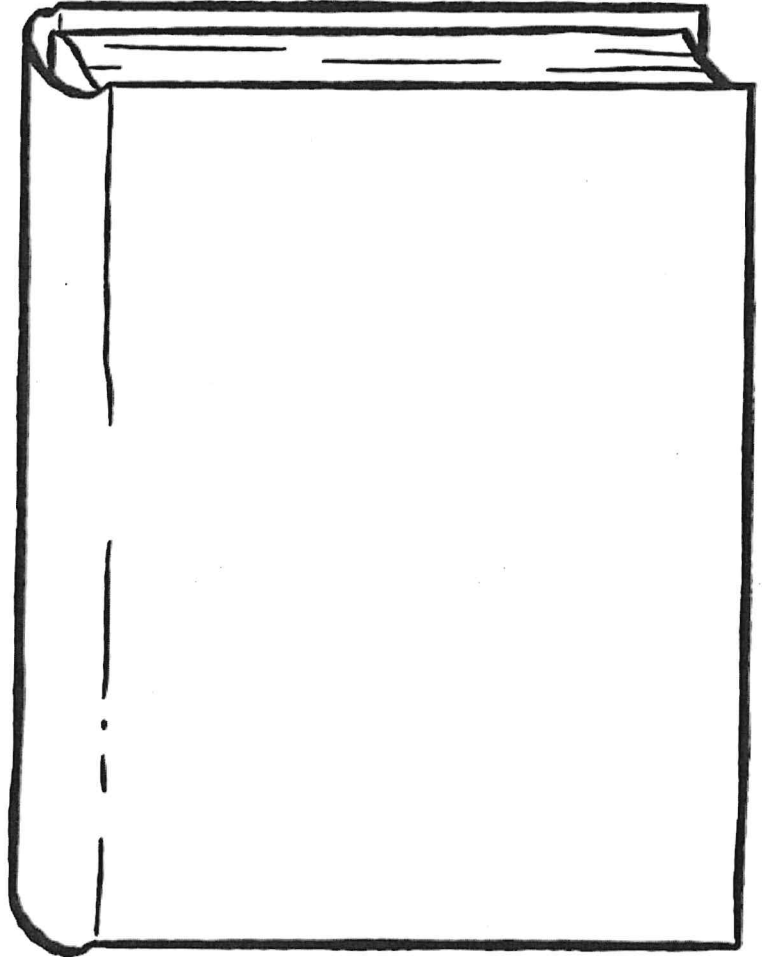
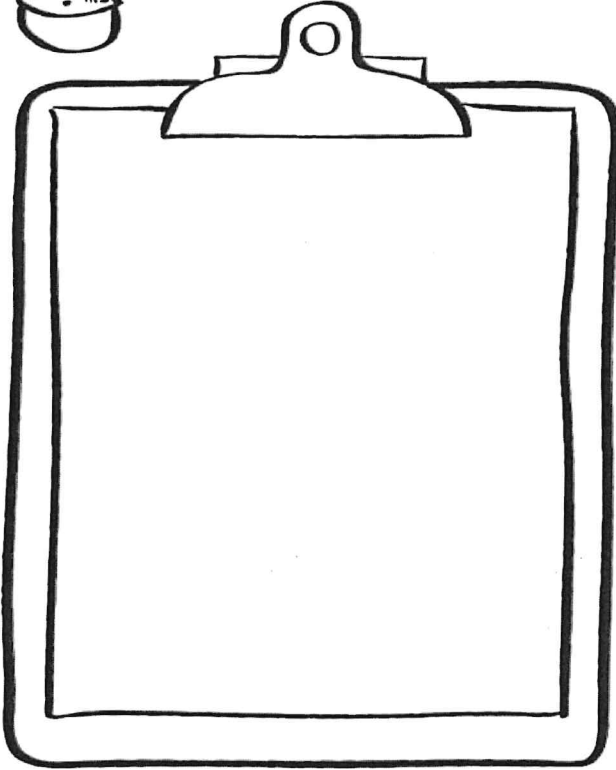


1. What was your favorite chapter of the novel? Why?
2. What was your least favorite chapter of the novel? Why?
3. If you were Ponyboy, would you have run away after the incident at the park? Explain.
4. Do you think Ponyboy, Johnny, and Dally should be considered heroes? Explain.
5. Do you think Ponyboy would make a good friend? Defend your answer with details from the novel.
6. What happens next for Ponyboy? Explain your answer in a detailed paragraph.
7. What do you think you would enjoy most about being part of Ponyboy's gang? What would drive you crazy?
8. If you could choose one person from the novel to meet in real life, who would they be? Why?
9. Aside from Ponyboy, which character do you feel had the largest impact on the events of the story? Why?
10. Would you recommend this novel to others your same age? Explain your answer.



SUMMARIZE

Summarize some of the different parts of the story in the spaces below.



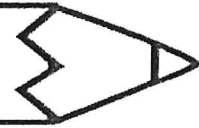
IMPORTANT EVENTS TIMELINE SUMMARY

A horizontal timeline structure consisting of a central horizontal line with three vertical tick marks pointing downwards. Three large, empty, rounded rectangular boxes are attached to the top of the line, one centered under each tick mark. Below the line, there is a block of text.

Write down
and illustrate
the key
events of the
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CHARACTER CHARTS



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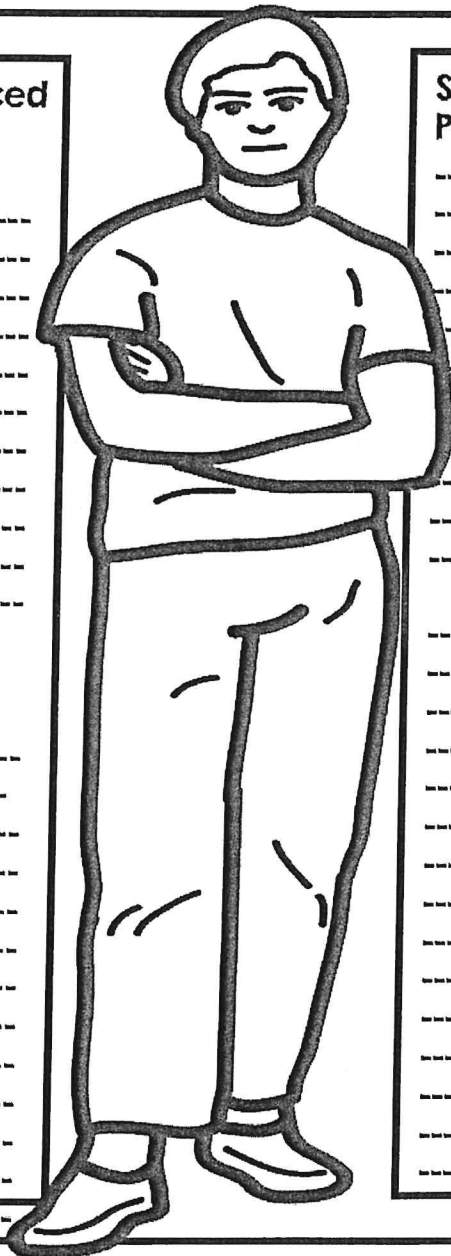
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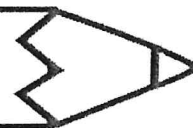
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Three words to describe Ponyboy at the end of the novel:

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CHARACTER CHARTS



Three words to describe Johnny at the start of the novel:

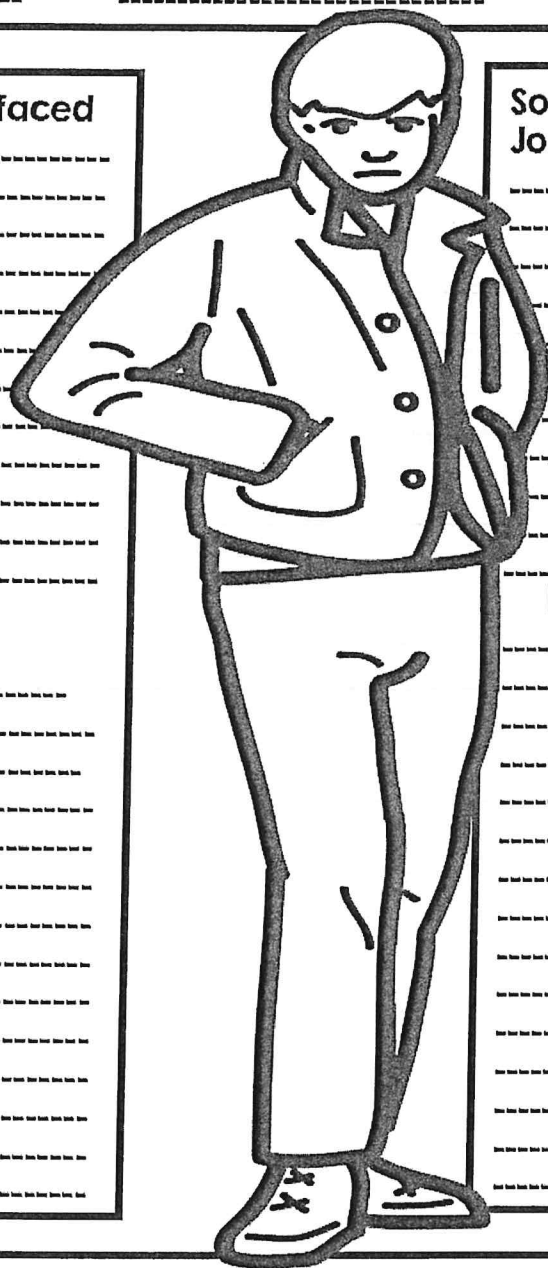
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THE OUTSIDERS

CHARACTER CHARTS



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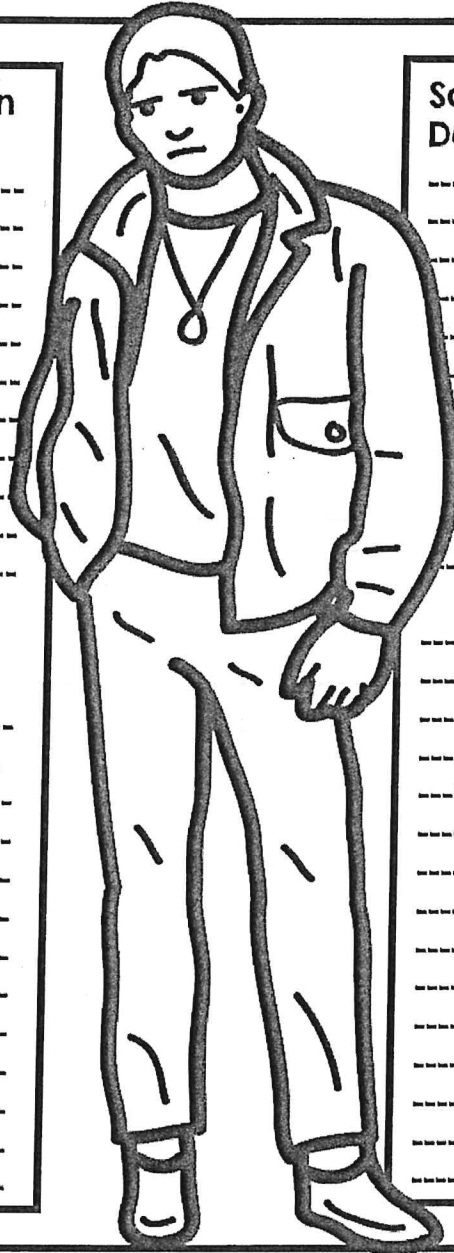
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