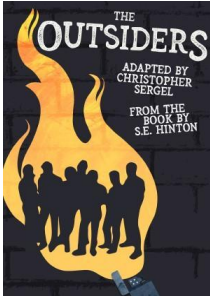


Millennium Charter Academy's 7th Grade Summer Reading



Text: *The Outsiders*

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When S.E. Hinton started writing *The Outsiders* in high school, she never could have imagined the impact that this book would have on so many readers around the world. Ponyboy Curtis and his struggles with right and wrong in a society in which he believes that he is an outsider.

While reading, annotate the entirety of the book. Use the “pencil annotation marks” key below to interact with the text as you read. Think about important ideas, words and actions in the story, ask questions, and seek out answers when you don’t understand something (write question marks next to things you have questions about).

Pencil annotation mark you can use while reading:

- Circle: new words/vocab
- Solid underline: main ideas / themes
- Squiggle underline: details
- Star: important passages (to be used infrequently)
- Arrows: making connections
- Bracket: longer important passages
- Vertical mark: to re-emphasize something that has already been previously underlined or bracketed
- Question mark: I don't understand
- Check mark: I understand, or I have confirmed a prediction
- Exclamation point: something new, exciting, surprising

Answer the following questions:

(Your work should be double-spaced and in cursive.)

1. What is the story’s setting? In what place and time period does the story occur?
2. Briefly describe the major events in the story in the order they occurred.
3. What conflicts arise in the book, and how are they resolved? Do any remain unresolved?
4. In what ways do characters demonstrate the habits of courage, integrity, and leadership?
5. Make a list of ways that different characters show courage, responsibility, compassion, honesty, or respect. Be specific in your description of the character’s conduct and record the page number from your text so that you can share each passage with your classmates during discussion.
6. Did you enjoy reading the book? If yes, why? If not, how could it have been better?

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