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The Outsiders

English 8, Period: _____

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Directions for completing The Outsiders portfolio. Predict and then look up the definitions for the **Vocabulary** words. Answer the **Chapter Questions** using word and/or phrases. Complete the **Journals** using complete sentences. Pay attention to the specific directions for each journal.

Word	What do you think it means?	What is the dictionary definition?
acquired		
incredulous		
nonchalantly		
unfathomable		
hence		
apprehensive		
bewildering		
contemptuously		
premonition		
ruefully		
aghast		
conviction		
eluded		
imploringly		
indignant		
abruptly		
aimlessly		
grimacing		
reformatory		
stifled		
acquitted		
circumstances		
idolized		
stupor		
vaguely		

Chapters 1-2 Questions:

1. What happens to Ponyboy on his way home from the movies? _____
2. Briefly describe the conflict between the Greasers and the Socs. _____

3. What happened to the Curtis brothers' parents? _____
4. How is Ponyboy different from the rest of the Greasers? _____
5. What does Ponyboy tell Cherry while standing in line for popcorn? _____

6. Explain what Cherry Valance means when she says, "Things are rough all over." _____

Journal: The main characters were introduced in the beginning of the novel. Choose ONE of these characters and describe him/her. Discuss in detail the character's appearance, personality, choices, position in the gang. Does this person remind you of anyone you've ever met and/or is this person believable? Why or why not? What do you predict will be happening to/with/for this character in the novel?

Draw and color an image of the character you just described in your journal.

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Chapters 3-4 Questions:

1. What does Cherry say is the real separation between the Socs and the Greasers? _____
2. Who is Mikey Mouse and why is he so important in Sodapop's life? _____

3. Why does Ponyboy remind Cherry that they both watch the same sunsets? _____

4. Why is Ponyboy surprised when Cherry tells him with whom she might be likely to fall in love? _____

5. Explain Ponyboy's motivation for running away. _____
6. What did the Socs do to make Johnny kill Bob? _____
7. What does Dally give Ponyboy and Johnny to take with them to Windrixville? _____

Chapters 5-7 Questions:

1. Why is Ponyboy's hair so important to him? _____
2. Re-read the poem "Nothing Gold Can Stay" and explain its meaning.

Nature's first green is gold,

Her hardest hue to hold.

Her early leaf's a flower;

But only so an hour.

Then leaf subsides to leaf.

So Eden sank to grief,

So dawn goes down to day.

Nothing gold can stay.

-Robert Frost

3. When Dally comes to the abandoned church, he brings Ponyboy a letter from Sodapop. Describe the contents of the letter. _____

4. Who is the spy for the Greasers? _____
5. Why does Johnny decide to turn himself in? _____
6. What relationship to Dally and Johnny have? _____
7. What do Johnny and Ponyboy do when they know the children are in the church? _____
8. What does the doctor say will happen to Johnny? _____
9. What Soc wants to talk to Ponyboy and why? _____

Journal: Ponyboy, Johnny and Dallas come to the rescue of some children who are trapped in the burning church. Between the time Dallas tells Ponyboy about Cherry helping the Greasers and leaving the hospital with his brothers, Ponyboy sees some things differently. How has Ponyboy's understanding of some things and some people has changed.

Draw and color an image of the church on fire scene in the novel.

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Chapters 8-9 Questions:

1. Explain Ponyboy's words when he visits Johnny in the hospital: "I figured that Southern gentlemen had nothing on Johnny Cade." _____

2. What is Johnny's reaction when the nurse tells him that his mother is at the hospital to see him? _____

3. What reason does Cherry give Ponyboy for not going to see Johnny in the hospital? _____
4. What is the mood in the Curtis house just before the rumble? _____
5. Ponyboy feels the only reason to fight is self-defense. According to him, why do these others fight?
 - a. Darry: _____
 - b. Two-Bit: _____
 - c. Soda: _____
 - d. Steve: _____
6. Who comes late to the rumble? What effect does his late entrance have? _____

7. What kind of weapons are used in the rumble?
 - a. Greasers: _____
 - b. Socs: _____
8. Where does Dally take Ponyboy after the rumble? _____
9. What are Johnny's last words? _____

Journal Part One: Write down the similarities and difference between the Greasers and the Socials. Then, respond to the questions listed below in part two of the journal.

Greasers	Similarities	Socials

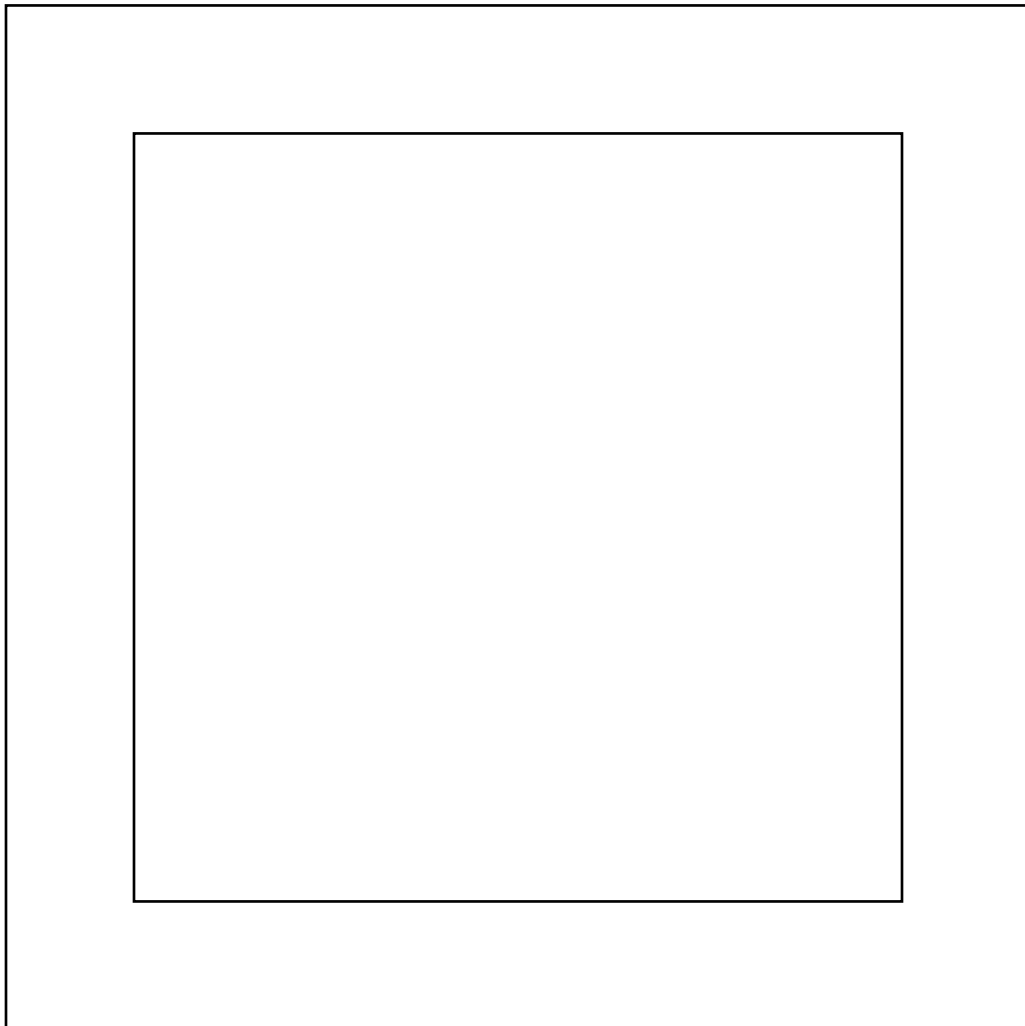
Journal Part Two: Do you think one of the gangs is worse than the other, why or why not? Think about the clichés, groups, at our school. Do any of them seem worse/better than the others, why or why not? If you were put into the novel as a new character, to which gang would you belong, why?

Chapters 10-12 Questions:

1. Why can't Dally accept Johnny's death? _____
2. Does Dally want to die? Explain. _____
3. Why does Ponyboy collapse the night of the rumble? _____
4. What does Johnny give to the nurse for Ponyboy? _____
5. What thoughts are triggered in Ponyboy's mind when he sees Bob in the yearbook? _____

6. Who does Ponyboy tell Randy was the person who killed Bob? _____
7. What does Ponyboy do with the broken bottle glass that makes Two-Bit know that Ponyboy will not get tough? _____
8. In the letter Johnny writes Ponyboy, what does he ask Ponyboy to tell Dally? _____
9. What is the subject of Ponyboy's theme for English class? _____
 - a. Why do you think he chose this for his paper? _____

Journal: Summarize the final chapter of the novel.	Write what you think happens to the Curtis brothers in the next year. Be realistic based on what you know about each character and why they have learned during the course of the novel.



The image shows a large, empty rectangular frame. Inside this frame, there is a smaller, empty rectangular frame centered horizontally and vertically. This layout is typically used for a student to draw a picture or create a visual representation related to their journal entry.