

Book Punch - The Outsiders

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Evidence and Inference - Topic 1

The Evidence and Inference topics and their pre-writing questions are listed below. Use this worksheet to write your answers. Include exact words from the book to support your answers along with the page number where the text can be found.

Evidence and Inference Topic 1

"The Outsiders" by S.E. Hinton is a coming-of-age novel, or a story about the experience of growing up and becoming an adult. Each of the main characters in "The Outsiders" matures in a different way over the course of the story, but Johnny Cade's transformation is the most noticeable. Write a multi-paragraph essay that describes how Johnny Cade matures and becomes an adult over the course of the book. You must write a thesis statement that expresses this opinion of Johnny Cade, a body of two or three paragraphs to support your statement, and a concluding paragraph that sums up this point of view.

Gang membership>>

1. Think about Johnny Cade at the beginning of the story. How do the greasers and the Socs treat him?
2. In what way does Johnny contribute to the negativity around him?

Courage>>

3. How does Johnny show courage at the drive in?
4. How does Johnny show physical courage during a gang fight?

Adult decisions>>

5. In what ways does Johnny begin to behave more like an adult than a child after he kills a Soc?
6. Later in the book, after Johnny has saved children's lives and become a hero, he reflects on his life with maturity. What realizations does he have?

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Evidence and Inference Topic 1 - Essay Plan Worksheet

Each of the points in your plan will be the main idea of a body paragraph in your essay. For an essay with 2 body paragraphs use two points in your plan. The boxes below contain the sample thesis statement divided into the Opinion and the Plan.

Write your own thesis statement below the sample Opinion and Plan.

Then use the boxes below each point of your plan to write at least 2 supporting points for each body paragraph. Use words or phrases or page numbers.

Thesis Statement: OPINION

Johnny Cade shows he has matured into an adult

Thesis Statement: PLAN

Point 1
Gang membership>>
when he goes from being a compliant gang member

Supporting point

Supporting point

Supporting point

Point 2
Courage>>
to showing courage

Supporting point

Supporting point

Supporting point

Point 3
Adult decisions>>
finally to making adult decisions

Supporting point

Supporting point

Supporting point

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Evidence and Inference - Topic 2

The Evidence and Inference topics and their pre-writing questions are listed below. Use this worksheet to write your answers. Include exact words from the book to support your answers along with the page number where the text can be found.

Evidence and Inference Topic 2

"The Outsiders" by S.E. Hinton shows the reader that people often feel excluded, or not part of a group, at one time or another. Each of the main characters in the book experiences the feeling of being an outsider. Because Ponyboy is the narrator of the story, he explains to the reader directly how he feels different from those around him. Write a multi-paragraph essay that describes why Ponyboy feels like an outsider. You must write a thesis statement that expresses this opinion about Ponyboy's feelings, a body of two or three paragraphs to support your statement, and a concluding paragraph that sums up your point of view.

Gang membership>>

1. Why do Ponyboy and the greasers feel different from others?
2. How do Ponyboy and the other greasers look different from the Socs and others?

Hobbies/pastimes>>

3. What examples from "The Outsiders" show that Ponyboy has more academic interests and talent than other greasers?
4. What pastimes does Ponyboy enjoy that he feels those around him do not?

Home life>>

5. How is Ponyboy's home life different from that of others?
6. What does Ponyboy think of his brothers?

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Evidence and Inference Topic 2 - Essay Plan Worksheet

Each of the points in your plan will be the main idea of a body paragraph in your essay. For an essay with 2 body paragraphs use two points in your plan. The boxes below contain the sample thesis statement divided into the Opinion and the Plan.

Write your own thesis statement below the sample Opinion and Plan.

Then use the boxes below each point of your plan to write at least 2 supporting points for each body paragraph. Use words or phrases or page numbers.

Thesis Statement: OPINION

Ponyboy feels like an outsider

Thesis Statement: PLAN

Point 1
Gang membership>>

because he is a member of the greaser gang

Point 2
Hobbies/pastimes>>

has different hobbies from the other greasers

Point 3
Home life>>

has an unusual home life

Supporting point

Supporting point

Supporting point

Supporting point

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