

GRADES 9-12

The Outsiders

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READ, WRITE, THINK, DISCUSS AND CONNECT

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STUDENT PACKET

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Activity #2 • Prereading Use Before and After Reading (Prior Knowledge)

Anticipation and Reaction

Directions: Consider the following statements before you read the novel. Place a checkmark in one of the boxes to show whether you agree or disagree with each statement, and provide your reasoning. After you have completed the novel, mark your response again. Provide an explanation if your opinion has changed.

Statement	Response Before Reading	Response After Reading
A person's physical appearance tells a lot	☐ you agree with the statement☐ you disagree with the statement	☐ you agree with the statement☐ you disagree with the statement
about him or her.		
Being a member of an exclusive group is	 □ you agree with the statement □ you disagree with the statement 	☐ you agree with the statement☐ you disagree with the statement
necessary for protection and companionship.		
The best way to cope with hardships in life is	you agree with the statement you disagree with the statement	☐ you agree with the statement☐ you disagree with the statement
to become cold and unfeeling.		
Once you have identified with a	☐ you agree with the statement☐ you disagree with the statement	☐ you agree with the statement ☐ you disagree with the statement
certain social group, you cannot associate with those outside of your group.		

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Vocabulary Matching

imploringly eluded	sullenly fiend	hue indignant	subsides gorged
doggedly	conviction	detached	keeled
inhalation	plasma	hysterics	racking

Directions: Match each vocabulary word to the correct definition.

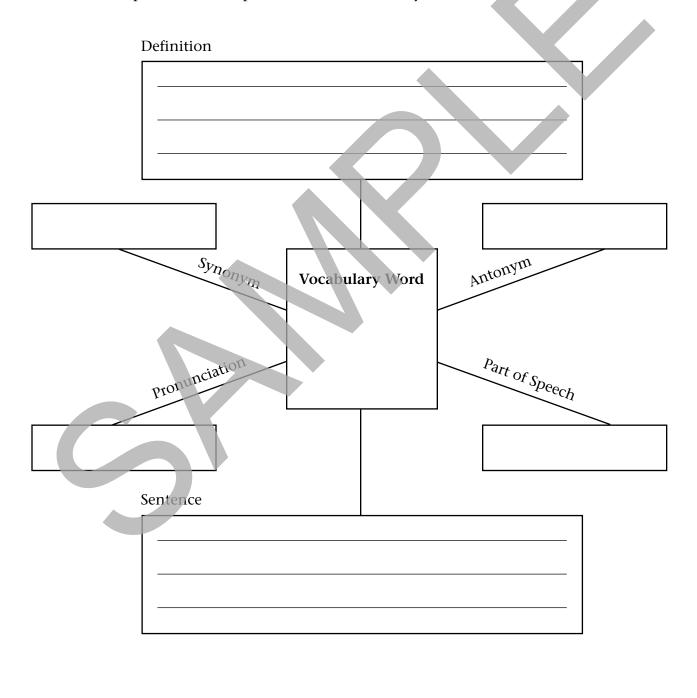
 1.	imploringly	a.	fell down; fainted
 2.	sullenly	b.	breathing in
 3.	hue	c.	fit of uncontrollable laughter or crying
 4.	subsides	d.	causing one to suffer pain or anguish
 5.	eluded	e.	fluid part of blood
 6.	fiend	f.	color; shade
 7.	indignant	g.	strong belief; certainty
 8.	gorged	1.	with earnestness or desperation
 9.	doggedly	i.	sinks; settles downward
 10.	conviction	j.	escaped one's perception or understanding
 11.	detached	k.	gloomily; resentfully
 12.	keeled	l.	consumed greedily
 13.	inhalation	n.	free from self-interest; indifferent
 14.	plasma	1.	filled with anger at something unjust or mean
 15.	hysterics	Э.	with stubborn determination
 16.	racking	p.	extremely devoted person; addict

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Word Map

idolized	liable	guardian	flinching
acquitted	circumstances	reference	welled
vast			

Directions: Complete a word map for six of the vocabulary words above.



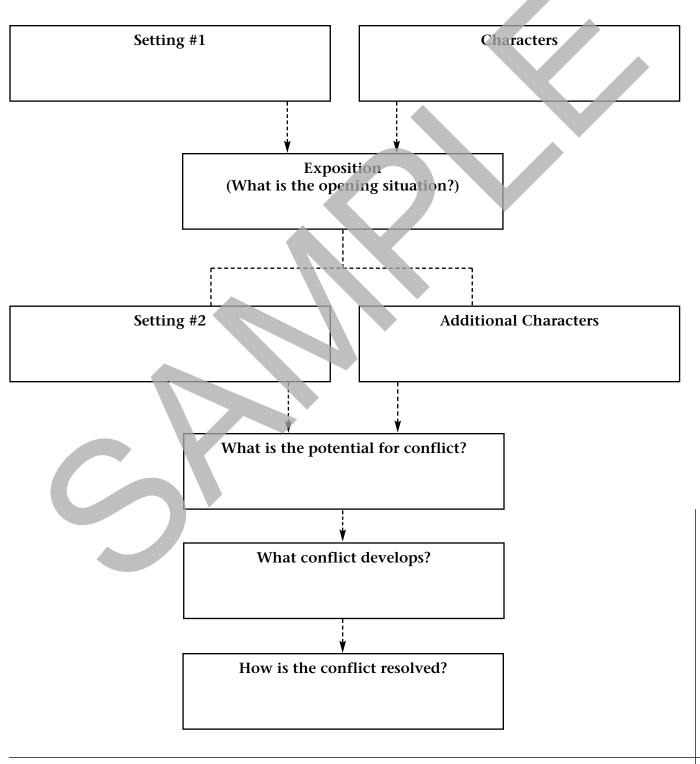
Chapters 11–12

- 1. Why is Ponyboy so ill?
- 2. Why does Randy come to visit Ponyboy?
- 3. Why doesn't Ponyboy care that Randy sees the Curtis' messy house?
- * 4. Why do you think Ponyboy says he killed Bob and that Johnny isn't dead?
 - 5. What is going to occur the next day, and why is Ponyboy scared?
 - 6. Why is the court hearing important?
 - 7. What is the outcome of the hearing?
- * 8. Why do you think Ponyboy's life is still troubled after the court hearing?
 - 9. How does Ponyboy respond to the Socs who approach him?
- 10. What does Soda admit is distressing him? What do Darry and Ponyboy promise him?
- 11. What message does Johnny leave for Ponyboy in *Gone with the Wind?*
- 12. Why does Ponyboy want to tell the story of his gang? How does he accomplish this?



Story Map

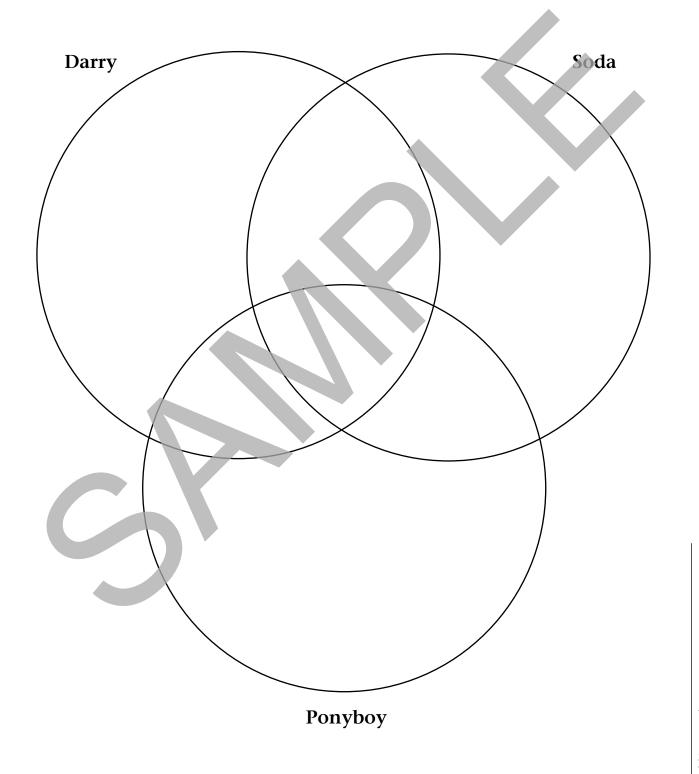
Directions: Complete the story map below for *The Outsiders*.



Activity #15 • Character Analysis Use After Reading (Compare/Contrast)

Triple Venn Diagram

Directions: Using the diagram below, compare and contrast Darry, Soda, and Ponyboy.



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Newspaper Article

Directions: Write a newspaper article detailing the church fire and Ponyboy and Johnny's role in rescuing the children.

The Windrig	eville Weekly