

Hello Grade 9s,

Hope you are all well. For the remainder of your Home Learning weeks you are going to work on a novel study. You can either choose your own novel, or you can choose to read *The Outsiders*, which is the novel we would have done together.

**Here is a link to a PDF of the novel.** This will be due on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=d3JzZC5uZXR8bXJzLW5vc2VsLXMTaG9tZXBhZ2UtZ3JhZGUtNy1lbGEtLS1ibHVlfGd4OjExZWY3MjNhNTRiMDlkMWM>

If for some reason the link doesn't work, you can simply google "The Outsiders full text PDF" and there are many options. You can also search it on YouTube and there is audio version!

As you are reading you are going to take notes on the elements of a novel. This will be done in a similar way that we did when we read short stories together in class. We will attach the definitions (next page) for all the elements and you can fill in information as you read about character, theme, setting, conflict, etc.

When you are done you can write a 1 to 2 pages either about the theme or the main character. If you are writing about theme, then think about how the theme was shown (what happened with the characters to show the theme, what lesson was learned). If you are writing about the main character, then describe any changes that the character went through as well as some character traits and how the character traits are shown.

**Intro** – Include in the intro the title of the novel, the authors name, a short summary and finish the introduction with one sentence that tells us what you are going to write about (this is called a thesis statement).

**Body paragraphs** – 2- 3 body paragraphs that show either how the theme is shown in the book (using several examples), what lesson was learned OR if you are writing about character then each paragraph could describe how the character changes and his/her personality traits

**Conclusion** – Did you like the book, why or why not? What could the reader learn from this book? Would you recommend it to your classmates?

To fill out as you are reading your novel

### Character

Character Terms:	Explanation
Dynamic Character	Character undergoes a personality change
Static Character	Character stays the same
Round Character	Character has many personality traits
Flat Character	Not much is revealed about the character
Protagonist	Main character
Antagonist	Person or thing against the main character

Setting	Time and Place that the story takes place
Theme	The big idea or lesson that is learned

### Conflict

Internal Conflict	A problem or struggle inside the character (shame, guilt)
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<b>External Conflict</b>	A problem or struggle outside the character
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### Point of View

<b>First Person</b>	Told through the eyes of the narrator (Uses I)
<b>Second Person</b>	Told TO you (You should do this to earn good grades, You should do this to have nice hair)
<b>Third Person Limited</b>	The reader only knows the thoughts and actions of 1 character (uses he or she)
<b>Third Person Omniscient</b>	The reader knows the thoughts and actions of most characters (uses he or she)
<b>Third Person Objective</b>	The reader knows the actions but not the thoughts or motives of the character (uses he or she)