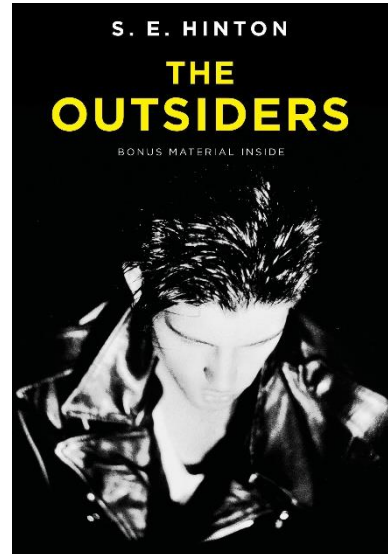


Summer Reading 2022-2023 School Year

8th grade Reading

During the summer, eighth graders in Mrs. Quebedeaux's reading class are required to read *The Outsiders* by S. E. Hinton. Most local libraries should have this book. It is also available online from the many book buying websites. During the week of August 29 through September 2, I will be assigning an in-class literary analysis test with a written constructed response question. Though I don't expect you to write anything in advance, I do encourage you to take notes as you read. Your constructed response question is as follows:

How does the author use the development of Ponyboy Curtis or Johnny Cade's character to show that appearances are deceiving? Use evidence from the text to support your response.



Tentatively starting Monday, August 29, we will discuss how to write this constructed response question. As you read this summer take notes using a hand-written notebook, highlighting and annotations within your book, or sticky notes posted throughout your book. Focus on the main characters and how they develop and change over the course of the story. What forces are working against them? What character flaws are responsible for their struggles? Do they overcome these forces and flaws? How? How does the setting impact their character?

Be sure to look at how the author uses these aspects of the characters to show their personalities:

Speech, Thoughts, Effects on others, Actions, and Looks.

The sharing of notes and books are not allowed during class, so be sure to write your name in your notebooks and books.