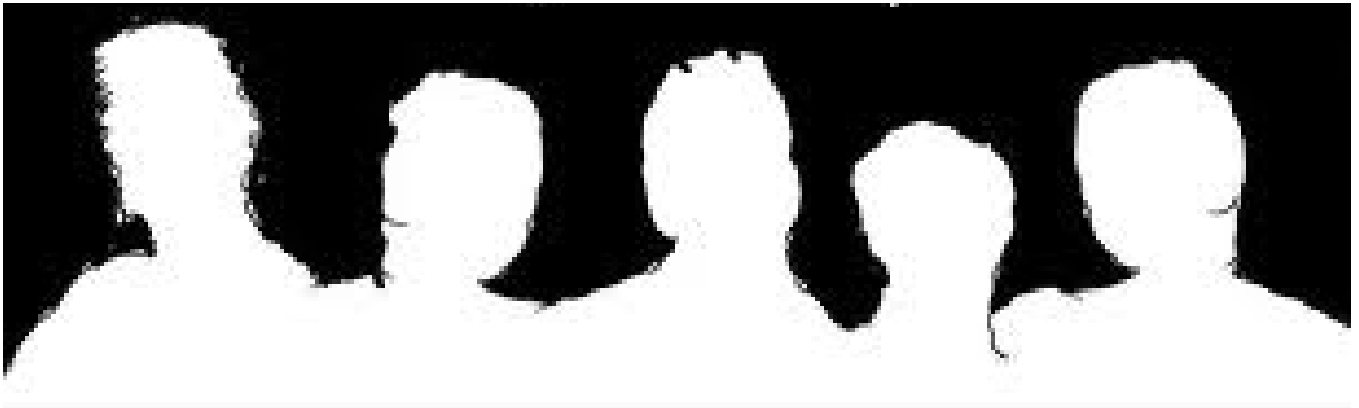


Student Workbook

The Outsiders

By S.E. Hinton



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The Outsiders
Reading Log

Keep track of what chapters must be read by what dates and what assignments must be completed by when. This “Reading Log” will help to keep all important information and dates organized.

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The Swiss Family Robinson	Must be read by:	Assignments:	Must be completed by:
Chapter 1			
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The Outsiders
Pre Reading:
Book Starter

Answer the following question about the novel The Outsiders prior to reading the first chapter.

1. Title of book: _____
2. Author: _____
3. Does this book have pictures? _____
4. Who designed the cover? _____
5. Is this book a paperback or hardback? _____
6. When was the book written (first copyright date)? _____
7. Who is the publisher? (This may vary depending on the version of the book you have.)

8. How many pages does this book have? _____
9. Do you think this book is “fiction” or “non-fiction”? _____
10. What is the book’s ISBN number? _____
11. Who is this book dedicated to? _____
12. What does “dedicate” mean? _____
13. What other books have been written by this author?
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
14. From the pictures on the front and back of the book, what do you think this story will be about?

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Pre-Reading:
Ponyboy's World

Ponyboy, the narrator of *The Outsiders*, explains what life is like for teenagers in his world. You may be able to draw parallels between Ponyboy's world and your own. Think about each item listed below. Then describe a related situation or event from your own world in the space provided.

Your World

Ponyboy's World

Greasers can't walk alone too much or they'll get jumped.

When you grow up in a tight-knit neighborhood like ours you get to know each other really well.

Organize gangs are rarities- there are just small bunches of friends who stick together.

They were the only kind of girls that would look at us, I thought. Tough, loud girls who wore too much eye makeup and giggled and swore too much.

Two-Bit- he doesn't really want or need half the things he swipes from stores. He thinks it's fun to swipe everything that isn't nailed down.

Sodapop and Steve get into drag races and fights so much- both of them have too much energy, too much feeling, with no way to blow it off.

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Vocabulary List

Below you will find a list of vocabulary words for each chapter of the book. Prior to reading each chapter each vocabulary word must be defined on separate sheet of loose leaf paper. On the list below, the number after each word indicates the page in which you will find that word in the book. These maybe help to you when defining the words. You can refer back to where in the book the word is actually used and can use context clues to figure out the mean of the word.

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The Outsiders
Chapter 1:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. Who is the narrator of *The Outsiders*?

2. What two groups of teenagers does Ponyboy describe? Compare the two groups.

3. Why did the Socs beat up Ponyboy?

4. Why did Ponyboy have a hard time with his oldest brother?

5. How are Ponyboy and his friends like you? Different than you?

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6. Why do you think the author uses non-standard English?

7. “Greaser” is first used in the first paragraph on page one. How far must you read before you have a good idea of who or what a greaser is? (Reading to the end of a sentence, paragraph, page, or further is one strategy to use when you find a word you don’t know.)

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The Outsiders
Chapter 1:
Character Study

In Chapter 1 we meet many of the main characters in this novel. List the characteristics, attributes, (physical and personality traits) and important relationship connections of all the greasers in Ponyboy’s gang (listed below):

Ponyboy: _____

Darry: _____

Soda: _____

Steve Randall: _____

Two-Bit Mathews: _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Dallas Winston: _____

Johnny Cade: _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

The Outsiders
Chapter 2:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. Where do the Socs and Greasers hang out? What do they do for fun?

2. How do the Greasers learn more about the Socs?

3. What kind of rules do gang members follow in fights?

4. How could Cherry be a problem for Dally?

5. Why do you think Johnny spoke up to Dally?

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6. Why didn't Ponyboy, Johnny, and Dally pay to get into the drive-in movie?

7. What is Cherry's real name? Why is she called Cherry?

8. What did Cherry do when Dally brought her a Coke?

9. Give three reasons why Cherry and Marcia are not scared of Johnny and Ponyboy even though, like Dally, they are Greasers.

10. What are two rules Greasers have for themselves?

11. How did Johnny get beaten up?

Name: _____ Date: _____

12. What did Cherry mean when she said, “Things are rough all over”?

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The Outsiders
Chapter 3:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. Why do you think Ponyboy and Cherry become good friends?

2. Do the characters in this book seem “real”? Why or why not? How does try to make them believable?

3. Why did Cherry and Marcia leave their dates?

4. Why do you think Darry hit Ponyboy?

5. Why do you think Ponyboy and Cherry told each other things they had never told anyone else before?

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6. Do you agree with Johnny that having friends care for you is not the same as having your own folks care about you? Why or why not?

7. What did Cherry say was the main difference between the Socs and the Greasers?

8. What was the name of Sodapop's horse? What happened to Soda's horse?

9. Why did Ponyboy think that maybe his world and Cherry's weren't so different?

10. Why did Johnny stare at the rings on the Soc's hand?

11. Why did Cherry and Marcia let their drunken boyfriends drive them home?

Name: _____ Date: _____

12. What was the last thing Cherry says to Ponyboy before she leaves in the car?

13. How long has it been since Ponyboy's parents were killed?

14. Why was Ponyboy late getting home?

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The Outsiders
Chapter 4:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. Who (Greasers or Socs) do you think was wrong in this situation in this chapter?

2. If you had been one of the Socs how would you have felt after Bob was stabbed? If you had been one of the Greasers, how would you have felt after Bob was stabbed? What causes the difference?

3. Why did Ponyboy turn to Dally for help?

4. What does Bob say a Greaser is?

5. What do the Socs do to Ponyboy?

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6. What does Ponyboy see when he recovers consciousness?

7. Why did Johnny attack Bob?

8. Where do Johnny and Ponyboy go when they leave the park?

9. What does Dally give Johnny and Ponyboy?

10. Where does Dally tell them to go?

11. How do they get there?

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12. How do they find the church?

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The Outsiders
Chapter 4:
Sizing People Up

When you meet new people your age, what interests you about them? Use the rating scale at the left. Circle the number that comes closest to showing how important you think each of the qualities on the right hand column is to you. Then compare your responses with those of your classmates.

Extremely Important					Not Very Important
1	2	3	4	5	
1	2	3	4	5	the way they dress
1	2	3	4	5	their grades in school
1	2	3	4	5	the amount of money they have
1	2	3	4	5	the kind of possessions they have
1	2	3	4	5	the way they talk
1	2	3	4	5	their physical appearance
1	2	3	4	5	where they live in town
1	2	3	4	5	who their friends are
1	2	3	4	5	how they treat their friends
1	2	3	4	5	where they hang out
1	2	3	4	5	their ethnic background
1	2	3	4	5	their hobbies and interests
1	2	3	4	5	their sense of humor
1	2	3	4	5	their athletic abilities

1. Which of the qualities above are the most superficial? Which tell you something of true significance about the person? list two examples of each below.

Superficial (shallow, not important)

Significant (important, matters)

2. Which one of these qualities would you want to be judged by? Which would you not want to be judged by? Why or why not? Explain.

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The Outsiders
Chapter 5:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. Do you think hiding out was the best thing for Johnny and Ponyboy to do? Why or why not?

2. What did Johnny admire about Dally?

3. Why did the boys cut their hair? Does the length of hair mean much to the boys? Is it important to you? To adults you know?

4. Based on the supplies Johnny collected, what can you conclude about Johnny?

5. Do you think crying helped the boys or made them weaker? Why?

Name: _____ Date: _____

6. What do you think the poem by Robert Frost on page 77 means? What do you think Frost is describing? Why do you think Ponyboy remembered this poem?

7. What is another word for “heater”?

8. Do you think Ponyboy and Johnny will ever be able to go home again? Why or why not?

9. How does Johnny write a note to Ponyboy?

10. What is the one thing the Greasers are proud of?

11. How do Johnny and Ponyboy pass the time?

Name: _____ Date: _____

12. Who comes to visit Johnny and Ponyboy?

13. Where do the police think Johnny and Ponyboy have gone?

14. Who is spying on the Socs for the Greasers?

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The Outsiders
Chapter 5:
Symbols and Couplet Poem

You and a partner will complete an eight-line closed couplet. Using Robert Frost's poem as a reference, you will choose one of the symbols found in *The Outsiders* to use as the subject of your poem. You must include at least one metaphor or simile.

Nothing Gold Can Stay

Nature's first green is gold, (a)
Her hardest hue to hold. (a)
Her early leaf's a flower; (b)
But only so an hour. (b)
Then leaf subsides to leaf. (c)
So Eden sank to grief, (c)
So dawn goes down to day. (d)
Nothing gold can stay. (d)

- Robert Frost (1923)

A closed couplet is two lines of rhymed verse in which the meaning is made complete by the end of the second rhyme. Rhyme Scheme: aabbccdd

Title of poem _____ (repeat of last line)

(1) _____ is/are a symbol of _____

(2) _____

(last word in line 2 must rhyme with last word in line 1)

(3) _____

(4) _____

(last word in line 4 must rhyme with last word in line 3)

(5) _____

(6) _____

(last word in line 6 must rhyme with last word in line 5)

(7) _____

(8) _____

(last word in line 8 must rhyme with last word in line 7)

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The Outsiders
Chapter 6:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. Why do you think Cherry chose to associate with – and later help – Johnny and Ponyboy? Is she a spy?

2. Why do you think Johnny decided they should turn themselves in?

3. What did Ponyboy learn about Dally?

4. Would you say Ponyboy and Johnny are heroes? Why or why not?

5. Why wouldn't Dally go into the church for the kids, but he did go in for Johnny?

Name: _____ Date: _____

6. When they are at Dairy Queen, what does Johnny tell Dally he is going to do?

7. How have Johnny's parents reacted to his running away?

8. What do the boys see when they reach the top of Jay Mountain?

9. When is the only time Ponyboy can remember seeing Johnny without a defeated, suspicious look in his eyes?

10. How does Dally get burned?

11. How does Johnny get hurt?

Name: _____ Date: _____

12. What does Darry do when he sees Ponyboy in the hospital?

13. At the hospital Ponyboy realizes that Darry really cares for him. Why has Darry been so hard on Ponyboy in the past?

Name: _____ Date: _____

The Outsiders
Chapter 7:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. How were the boys injured? why could they be considered heroes?

2. What additional problems did the brother face after Ponyboy's return?

3. What did Randy say kids want from parents? Do you agree or would you add some other points?

4. Why are Ponyboy and Johnny scared of the police?

5. What do you think it would have been like for Johnny to return to his home in a wheelchair?

Name: _____ Date: _____

6. What was it about Ponyboy that made others confide in him i.e., Cherry, Johnny, Randy?

7. Why didn't Randy want to fight in the rumble?

8. What do the doctors say about Dally's injuries?

9. What do the doctors say about Johnny's injuries?

10. What one food does Ponyboy, Soda, and Darry all like for breakfast?

11. Why does Darry leave the front door unlocked?

Name: _____ Date: _____

12. What charges were being brought against Johnny?

13. What will the court decide about Ponyboy?

14. Where did Soda's girlfriend go?

15. Why does Randy say the rumble between the Socs and the Greasers won't solve anything?

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The Outsiders
Chapter 8:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. Why did Ponyboy and Two-bit think they couldn't get along without Johnny?

2. How did Johnny feel about dying?

3. What did Johnny want the boys to get for him in the hospital? Why were these things important?

4. How close to the truth was Johnny when he said he didn't want to see his mother?

5. What was the significance of Ponyboy asking Cherry, "can you see the sunset real good from the West Side"?

Name: _____ Date: _____

6. What two things does Johnny tell Two-Bit he wants him to bring?

7. Who comes to visit Johnny besides Ponyboy and Two-Bit?

8. What does Two-Bit give to Dally?

9. What does Two-Bit say keeps Darry from being a Soc?

10. Why does Cherry say she can't visit Johnny?

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The Outsiders
Chapter 9:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. What were the reasons that the various boy gave for fighting?

2. Why did Dally take Ponyboy to see Johnny after the rumble?

3. What did Johnny mean when he told Ponyboy to “stay gold”?

4. Think about yourself. Do you ever label someone as a hood, a scum, a nerd, a dork, because of the way someone is dressed or groomed? Have you been guilty of believing a stereotype and then found out later that the person just didn’t fit that perception? What does that tell you about first impressions?

Name: _____ Date: _____

5. Do you agree or disagree with Ponyboy when he said that people usually go by looks so hoods will always be the bad guys and the clean shaven, neatly dressed kids will always be considered the good guys? Why?

6. Who are the good guys and bad guys in The Outsiders? Explain.

7. What are the two things Greasers have to be proud of?

8. Who is the only Greaser who doesn't like fights?

9. Why is Tim Shepard's kid brother, Curly, not going to be at the rumble?

10. Why does Ponyboy feel he and his gang don't belong with Tim Sheperd's gang and the Brumley boys?

Name: _____ Date: _____

11. What are the rules for the rumble?

12. Who joins the rumble at the last minute?

13. How did Dally get out of the hospital?

14. How does the fight end?

15. Where do Ponyboy and Dally go after the rumble?

16. How do they get there so quickly?

Name: _____ Date: _____

17. What does Johnny tell Ponyboy to do?

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Chapter 10:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. Do you think the rumble was worth the trouble?

2. Why did Dally want to die?

3. How do you think the other Greasers will end up?

4. Why was Ponyboy concerned with whether or not he had asked for Darry while he was unconscious?

5. How does Ponyboy get home from the hospital?

Name: _____ Date: _____

6. Why is Dally so upset about Johnny's death?

7. Who phones Darry, and what does he want?

8. What did Johnny leave for Ponyboy?

9. Why wouldn't Ponyboy eat anything when he was sick?

10. Why is Ponyboy worried about whether or not he called for Darry when he was sick?

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The Outsiders
Chapter 11:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. Why do you think Ponyboy was ill?

2. Why did Randy come to visit Ponyboy when he was ill? Why did Ponyboy not care that Randy was seeing his house in a messy condition?

3. Why do you think Ponyboy said he'd killed Bob and that Johnny wasn't dead? (p.g. 165-166)

4. Why was Ponyboy concerned about his friends seeing his house but not about Randy seeing his house?

5. Why did Ponyboy say he'd killed Bob and that Johnny wasn't dead?

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The Outsiders
Chapter 11:
Wanted Poster

Your assignment is to create a “Wanted Poster” for a character from *The Outsiders*. You will need to determine from your notes whether he/she shows acts of loyalty or rivalry in the book. Fill out the information below before finalizing your poster. Make sure to use your imagination and be creative. Lastly, use the poster on the next page to draw a sketch of your character.

Loyalty-acts of devotion, allegiance, and/or faithfulness

Rivalry-acts to equal or outdo others

1. Name of character: _____
2. Wanted for acts of (circle one): Loyalty Rivalry
3. Detailed physical description (what s/he looks like): _____

4. Personality traits (how s/he acts): _____

5. Specific acts of loyalty or rivalry: _____

6. Consequences of acts (directly stated or inferred): _____

7. Known hangouts: _____ Nicknames (if any): _____
8. What to do if found: _____

9. Reward amount (if any): _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

WANTED



Name: _____ Date: _____

The Outsiders
Chapter 12:
Reading Comprehension Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may refer back to your book if need be.

1. Why was the court hearing important? What were possible decisions of the court?

2. Why do you think Ponyboy's life was still troubled after the court hearing?

3. What message did Johnny leave in the book?

4. What do you think the doctor told the judge before the hearing?

5. Why did Ponyboy's life seem so different after the hearing?

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6. Why did Soda think that being like Dally before he died was worse than being dead?

7. What do you think Ponyboy will write about in his theme? Why? What will be the result of his having written about events of the past week? (Hint: Look at the first two sentences of the novel.)

8. Why does Ponyboy think that his experiences as a Greaser are important for everyone to read about?

9. What is one of the stereotypes in this novel? How is it INACCURATE?

10. What is the theme of The Outsiders? There is definitely more than one right answer.

11. What is Darry's motivation throughout the novel?

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12. Why is the last sentence of the book unusual?

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The Outsiders
Chapter 12:
Golden Lines

Search for 4 quotes from the novel *The Outsiders* that you feel are “golden”. These lines would be quotes from the book or from a character that you have remembered or that have stuck out to you in a special way. Record your lines below making sure to note the page number and your reasoning behind choosing that as one of your “golden lines”.

1. _____

Page # _____

Reason for choosing: _____

2. _____

Page # _____

Reason for choosing: _____

3. _____

Page # _____

Reason for choosing: _____

4. _____

Page # _____

Reason for choosing: _____

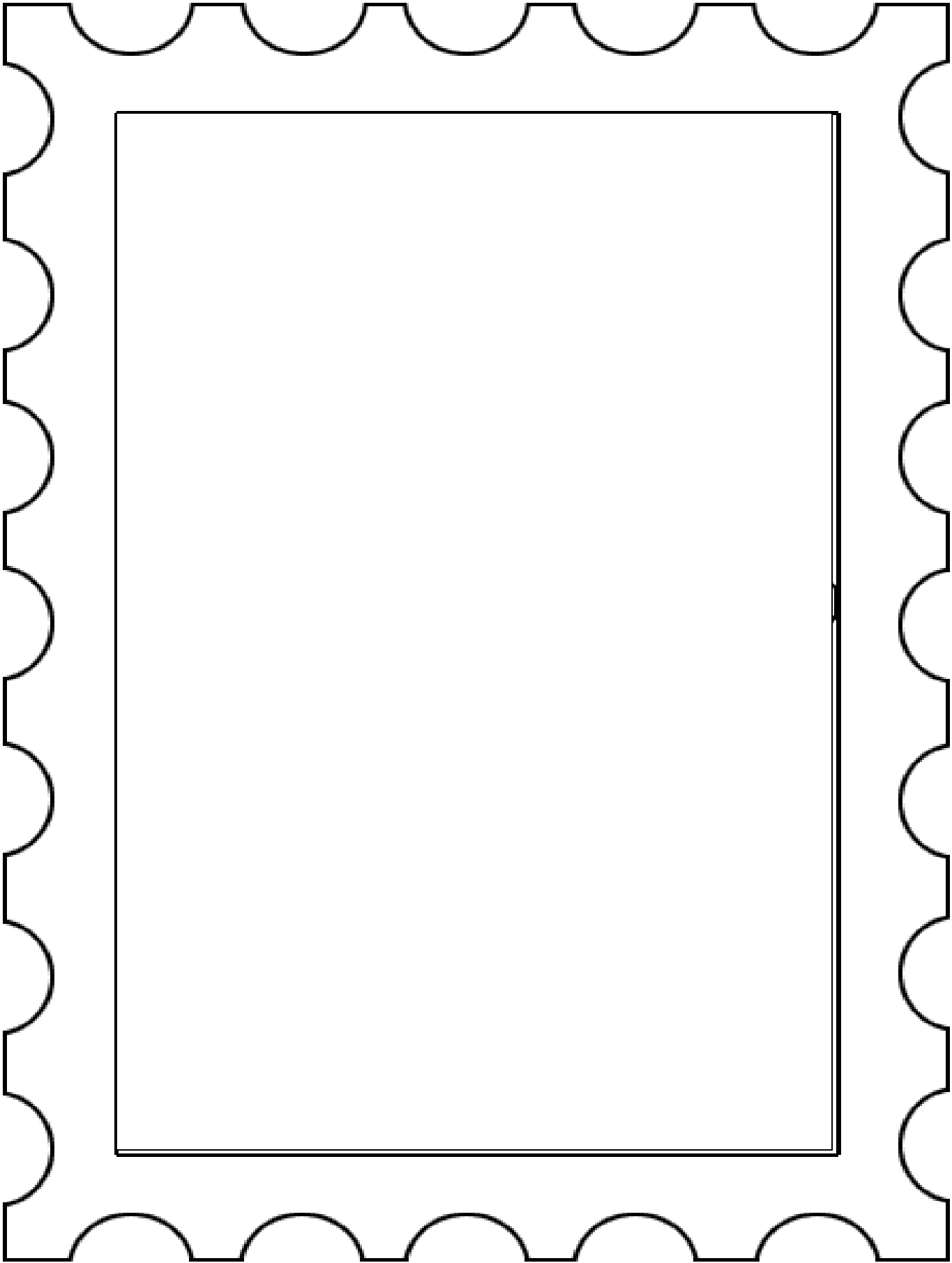
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Chapter 12:
Commemorative Stamp

To complete this assignment, you will first choose a scene from the novel *The Outsiders* that you will draw from your commemorative stamp. Make sure to include details from the story and a reason why you believe your stamp should be chosen as *The Outsiders* Commemorative Stamp.

Scene chosen for stamp: _____

Description of scene & reason for choosing scene: _____



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