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Advanced ELA Summer Reading Information

- 1) Read *The Outsiders*, by S.E. Hinton.
Complete both A) and B) portions.

A) Project: Complete the tic-tac-toe board by completing 3 different project boxes.

You MUST complete the center square and work out from there. Use the rubric included as your guide. Your projects will be counted as a major grade for the quarter.

B) Group discussion questions: Complete questions #1-5 below and bring to class, ready to turn in as a minor grade assignment and share with the class.

- 2) Read EITHER
Peak, by Roland Smith
Or
Homecoming, by Cynthia Voigt

Be prepared to write on your chosen book upon your return to school.

Part A) Project Tic-Tac-Toe

<p>Write a newspaper article about one of the major events in the novel. Be sure to include the who, what, where, when, and why. Newspaper articles have headlines and bylines. Please set up in column format when writing.</p>	<p>Pretend that you have been given the task of casting the roles for the remake of <i>The Outsiders</i> movie. Create a list of the actors (modern day) that you would use to cast the major characters, both Greasers and Socs. Be sure to include a rationale justifying your choices. A picture of the actor/actress would be helpful as well.</p>	<p>Write an obituary* in the local newspaper for one of the deceased characters. Be sure you include details about the character's life and death.</p> <p>*Obituary template given below.</p>
<p>Create an Instagram* for your favorite character using the templates provided. You must include some biographical information and then post things that channel the emotions and attitude of that character.</p> <p>*Instagram template given below.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">ALL MUST DO THIS SQUARE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SEMINAR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Create three questions (good, critical thinking questions) for seminar in class.</p>	<p>Finish the story. Write an ending that lets us know where the boys end up five to ten years in the future. Be sure you try to match Hinton's style as much as possible and write from Pony's point of view.</p> <p>Length requirement: 1 1/2 pages – 2 pages</p>
<p>Create a court case file prosecuting or defending Johnny in Bob's murder trial. Include an opening argument, rationale for his innocence or guilt, evidence to support this claim, questions to ask him on the stand, and a closing argument.</p>	<p>Pretend you are a newspaper reporter interviewing Ponyboy about the circumstances of Dally's death. Write down 15 questions to ask Ponyboy. Remember, your point of view is that of a reporter, not an 8th grade student.</p>	<p>Write a set of 10 journal entries from a chosen character's point of view. Be sure to reference different important events that occur throughout the story. As a reader, I MUST be able to tell who your character is, either by you directly telling me or it being completely obvious in the writing.</p>

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Project Rubric 100 point MAJOR grade
Please print rubric to turn in with your projects.
-5 points if you do not print rubric.

_____ 20 points – 3 Seminar Questions completed (middle box)

	CONTENT (ACCURACY OF MATERIAL)	FORMAT/ DIRECTIONS	CREATIVITY/ APPEARANCE	STYLE/ GRAMMAR
Newspaper article				
Movie casting				
Obituary				
Instagram				
Story ending				
Court case				
Reporter interview				
Journal				

_____/ 40 points project #1
_____/ 40 points project #2

Total _____

Obituary Information

Fictional Character Obituary: Write an obituary for a character that has died. You may make your writing serious or humorous. You may fill in information not provided with creative writing (such as parent's names or birth place).

An obituary is a short writing about a recently deceased person. It includes basic details about the person's life. Obituaries are factual, but should also include insights into who the person really was.

Parts of an Obituary:

- Deceased full name, including nicknames.
- Birth and marriage information. May include location and dates.
- Death information, including date, location and manner of death. Specific information on the death may be omitted if from violence or if the survivors wish to keep it private. May include if the deceased was surrounded by family or comforted by a close friend or spouse, if applicable. Include age of deceased at time of death.
- Birth information, including parents, date, time, and location.
- Brief story of the deceased's life. Include schooling, important events, special skills, and other important details. The life story is one of the most important parts, as it is a reflection on that person's life and legacy.
- List close relatives that died before the deceased.
- List close relatives that have not died yet (worded "the deceased is survived by" these people).

Part B) The Outsiders Group Discussion Questions

You can either type or legibly handwrite your answers.

1) Round Robin

Choose one quote in the entire book that stands out to you. Be sure to include the chapter and page number.

Why did you choose this quote? What does it mean to you?

2) Inferencing

What happened to Sodapop's girlfriend Sandy? Why did she leave and go to Florida?

Refer to pages 111-112 and 174-175 (in chapters 7 and 12) to support your answer.

3) Gang Psychology

Why do you think people join gangs?

Why do the boys in the novel join their respective gangs? Discuss all three gangs - Greasers, Socs, Shepard's Gang

What is one positive and negative aspect (in your opinion) of being in a gang?

4) Today's Problems

What are some of the biggest issues that the guys in *The Outsiders* faced in the novel?

How are those problems similar or different from the problems kids face today?

5) Setting Elements

List at least 10 aspects of the novel that are set in the 1950's/1960's, especially ones that are unfamiliar to you. After you list these aspects, look them up and give a BASIC definition of what they encompass. Be ready to share.