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Explanatory Essay: What is the theme of *The Outsiders*?

Task: As a class and independently we have read and analyzed *The Outsiders* by S.E Hinton. In a four paragraph essay you will be explaining the theme of the overall novel. You will need to support your theme with specific examples and details from the text.

Essay Organization:

Paragraph 1	Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Give general information about <i>The Outsiders</i>• End with a thesis statement which tells readers the <u>theme</u> you will focus on
Paragraph 2	Body paragraph 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Give one example from <i>The Outsiders</i> that shows the theme you named in the introduction
Paragraph 3	Body paragraph 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Give a second example from <i>The Outsiders</i> that shows the theme you named in the introduction
Paragraph 4	Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sum up/restate the main points from the essay• Restate the thesis statement from the introduction paragraph

Essay Outline

Introduction: (3-4 sentences giving general overview of *The Outsiders*. Be sure to include the title and author)

Thesis statement: The theme of *The Outsiders* is

Body paragraph 1: The first example of the theme

_____ in the novel is
when _____.

Insert a quote from the text:

Explain how the quote shows the theme:

Body paragraph 2: The second example of the theme

_____ in the novel is
when _____.

Insert a quote from the text:

Explain how the quote shows the theme:

Conclusion: (3-4 sentences reviewing the main points made in the body paragraphs)

Restate thesis statement: As you can see, the theme of *The Outsiders* is
