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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 five 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"><li>• Give general information about <i>The Outsiders</i></li><li>• End with a thesis statement which tells readers the <u>theme</u> you will focus on</li></ul>
Paragraph 2	Body paragraph 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Give one example from <i>The Outsiders</i> that shows the theme you named in the introduction</li></ul>
Paragraph 3	Body paragraph 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Give a second example from <i>The Outsiders</i> that shows the theme you named in the introduction</li></ul>
Paragraph 4	Body Paragraph 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Make a connection to the theme you have explained (text-text or text-self)</li></ul>
Paragraph 5	Conclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sum up/restate the main points from the essay</li><li>• Restate the thesis statement from the introduction paragraph</li></ul>

## Essay Outline

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

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**Thesis statement:** The theme of *The Outsiders* is

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**Body paragraph 1:** The first example of the theme

\_\_\_\_\_ in the novel is  
when \_\_\_\_\_.

Insert a quote from the text:

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Explain how the quote shows the theme:

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**Body paragraph 2:** The second example of the theme

\_\_\_\_\_ in the novel is  
when \_\_\_\_\_.

Insert a quote from the text:

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Explain how the quote shows the theme:

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**Body paragraph 3:** The theme from *The Outsiders* can be connects with

\_\_\_\_\_.

Explain your connection:

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Explain how the connection relates to the text:

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

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

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