



Seventh Grade Summer Reading

Name _____

Part I: Read a novel of your choice. Write a few sentences detailing why others would or would not enjoy the book.

Title:	
Author:	
Genre:	
Recommendation:	

Part 2: Read The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton. Answer **two** of the following questions. Each response should be at least a paragraph in length and reflect utmost thought and effort.

1. Compare and contrast the Socs and the Greasers. What distinguishes each group? Is there more than just money that separates these groups? Be thorough in your explanation.
2. The other boys in the Greaser gang were not all orphans. Do you believe Darry, Sodapop, and Ponyboy would have been Greasers if their parents were alive? Why or why not?
3. Explain Dally's behavior at the burning church. Would he have behaved differently if his friends hadn't been present? Why or why not?
4. Before Johnny dies, he tells Ponyboy to "stay gold". (p. 148) What does Johnny mean by this? How is this comment meant for Ponyboy? How is it meant for the reader? Explain.
5. Consider the ending of the book. Even though we know the book is fiction, does it ring true as an autobiography? Explain.