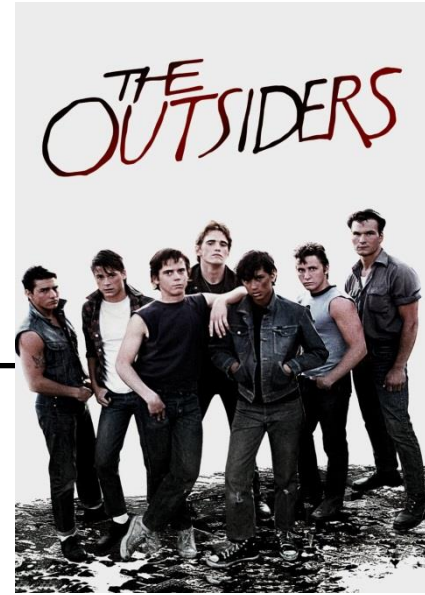


Responding to Literature: Companion Book Assignment

A **companion book** is a book that accompanies and elaborates on another already published book. The goal of a companion book is to provide the reader with a deeper understanding of concepts, themes, characters, places, and ideas in the original work.

Your goal is to write a companion book about *The Outsiders*. It will need to be typed and you may need to do some work at home as well as in school.



Your Companion Book should include...

- A Title Page
- A Table of Contents
 - The title of each chapter should be creative.
- Introduction
 - A summary of your book and a brief preview of each chapter.
- Chapter 1: Analysis of Theme
 - Identify one theme from *The Outsiders*. Cite at least 2 details or examples from the text and WRITE LONG to clarify.
- Chapter 2: Character Development
 - Discuss one dynamic character from *The Outsiders*. Explain who they are at the beginning, what they are conflicted over, and how they change throughout the novel.
- Chapter 3: Symbolism
 - Track one example of symbolism through *The Outsiders*.
- Conclusion
 - Offer a final analysis of the book and give a brief overall review.

Don't forget, when responding to reading writer's should...

- Record—and cite—important details, then offer your commentary about the detail.
- Explore themes (always using text evidence to support them).
- Use academic language (narrator, protagonist, resolution, etc.).
- Explain your thinking (WRITE LONG to clarify).
- Connect story elements (analyze ways elements impact each other).
- Pursue worthwhile thinking across the book (let the story guide you, write about the important parts).
- Analyze craft: how/why author used techniques and story elements (symbolism, time, multiple perspectives, etc.)
 - “The author used _____ in order to_____”