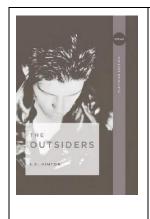
## Summer Reading Program – Entering 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Theme: Family and Relationships

## **Required Reading Book**



**The Outsiders** by S.E. Hinton: According to Ponyboy, there are two kinds of people in the world: greasers and socs. A soc (short for "social") has money, can get away with just about anything, and has an attitude longer than a limousine. A greaser, on the other hand, always lives on the outside and needs to watch his back. Ponyboy is a greaser, and he's always been proud of it, even willing to rumble against a gang of socs for the sake of his fellow greasers--until one terrible night when his friend Johnny kills a soc. The murder gets under Ponyboy's skin, causing his bifurcated world to crumble and teaching him that pain feels the same whether a soc or a greaser. This classic, written by S. E. Hinton when she was 16 years old, is as profound today as it was when it was first published in 1967.

## Additional Reading Book

You *must* choose a second book under the same theme of "Family and Relationships."

## **Requirements**

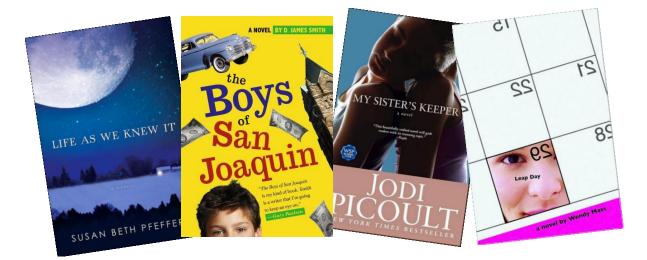
- 1. Read both *Outsiders* and your choice book, which is under the same theme.
- 2. Reflect in writing on the following items from **each of the books**:
  - Connections: text-text, text-world, and text-self
  - Description of 1 conflict (character vs. character, character vs. self, character vs. nature, character vs. animal, or character vs. society)
  - Setting, plot, characterization
- 3. Locate five or more additional and varied resources related to the same theme (e.g. choose an assortment of the following: newspaper/magazine articles, Internet sources, pamphlets, short stories, poems) and explain how each different resource relates to the theme.
- 4. Locate graphics and images to support novel and theme.
- 5. Produce *one project* presenting your written reflections (plus quotes from the book) and the additional resources found on the theme of "Family and Relationships" and how it relates to both books.
  - Choose one of the following options to present your findings:
    - Glogster (virtual poster)
    - Magazine Page Layout/Article
    - Newspaper Page Layout/Article
    - Photostory<sup>1</sup>

- PowerPoint
- Scrapbook
- ➢ Vodcast (video recording)<sup>◊</sup>

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- > Webpage
- ➢ Podcast (audio recording)<sup>◊</sup>
- > For Photostory, Podcast, and Vodcast, the written script needs to be submitted.
- Follow the criteria on the rubric while putting your presentation together.
- You will be expected to have your project and novel ready to hand in to your Language Arts teacher on the first full day of school.
- Plagiarism will result in a failing grade.

Summer Reading – 2012 Suggested Books – Entering Grade 8 Theme: Family and Relationships



Title	Author	
Life As We Knew It	Susan Beth Pfeffer	
Leap Day	Wendy Mass	
Jeremy Fink and the Meaning of Life	Wendy Mass	
Stargirl	Jerry Spinelli	
Flipped	Wendelin Van Draanan	
The Musician's Daughter	Susanne Emily Dunlap	
When Zachary Beaver Came to Town	Kimberly Willis Holt	
Boys of San Joaquin	D. James Smith	
Ask me no Questions	Marina Budhos	
My Sister's Keeper	Jodi Picoult	
Exposed	Kimberly Marcus	
Lockdown	Walter Dean Myers	
Revolution	Jennifer Donnely	
The Things a Brother Knows	Dana Reinhardt	
The Running Dream	Wendelin Van Draanen	

This is a suggested book list. You may select a different title under the same theme of "Family and Relationships." If selecting a different title (not on this list), please check the book's reading level with a librarian or a bookstore associate.

## How-To Sheets Entering Grade 8

# ALL HOW-TO SHEETS ARE ALSO ON THE MANVILLE SCHOOL WEBSITE UNDER STUDENT PORTAL



**Scrapbook** 

**Novel reflections** should be written neatly on lined paper or computer generated. Elements 2-9 should be written in paragraph form (at least 7 sentences/paragraph). Clearly label sections so that your teacher can easily identify your responses.

#### Elements:

- 1. Name, date, title, author, publisher, and copyright
- 2. Summary
- 3. Theme description
- 4. Description of one conflict (character vs. character, character vs. self, character vs. nature, character vs. animal, character vs. society)
- 5. Connections: text-text, text-self, text-world
- 6. Setting
- 7. Plot
- 8. Characterization
- 9. Recommendation

**Scrapbook reflections** should include 5 or more resources (e.g., newspaper/magazine articles, Internet sources, pamphlets, photographs, short stories, poems, etc.) with a reflection for each resource (these reflections should be written in paragraph form with at least 7 sentences/paragraph).

- This resource is related to my theme because...
- I learned, from this resource, that...
- From this resource, I made a connection to my own life...
- When I read this, it made me feel...
- One new vocabulary word I learned from this resource was...which means...
- If I had the opportunity to thank the author of this resource, would say...
- If I were to make a motion picture from this resource, I would call it..., and would select... to play the lead role.



## Newspaper/magazine layout/article

• To compose a newspaper layout or a magazine layout, follow the directions and requirements for designing a scrapbook. Instead of making your presentation look like a scrapbook, focus on making it look like a newspaper or a magazine.



<u>PowerPoint</u>

#### **Step-by-Step Directions for Using PowerPoint**

- Go to Manville School Website at <u>http://manvilleschools.org/manville</u>
- Click on Student Portal under Quick Links
- Click on <u>Summer Math & Reading</u>
- Click on <u>PowerPoint Resources</u>

**PowerPoint Presentations** should be at least 15 slides in length and include all requirements outlined in the Summer Reading Rubric. Each slide should have a clear purpose with some type of title or heading located at the top of the slide.

**Reflection Slides** should include 5 or more resources with a reflection for each resource (these reflections should appear as one resource per slide and be written in bullet form with at least 5-7 bullets per slide).

- This resource is related to my theme because...
- I learned, from this resource, that...
- From this resource, I made a connection to my own life...
- When I read this, it made me feel...
- One new vocabulary word I learned from this resource was...which means...
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**Optional:** To enhance you PowerPoint you may use any of the following:

- Animations (images, slide transitions, sound effects, text/picture transitions)
- Audio/Video links (internet based)
- Additional slides (timelines, graphs, charts)



**Glogster** 

### **Step-by-Step Directions for Using Glogster**

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- Click on Student Portal under Quick Links
- Click on Summer Math & Reading
- Click on Additional Technology Resources



Podcast (audio recording)

#### **Step-by-Step Directions for Using Podcasts**

- Go to Manville School Website at <a href="http://manvilleschools.org/manville">http://manvilleschools.org/manville</a>
- Click on Student Portal under Quick Links
- Click on Summer Math & Reading
- Click on <u>Additional Technology Resources</u>



Vodcast (video recording)

#### Step-by-Step Directions for Using Vodcasts

- Go to Manville School Website at <a href="http://manvilleschools.org/manville">http://manvilleschools.org/manville</a>
- Click on Student Portal under Quick Links
- Click on <u>Summer Math & Reading</u>
- Click on Additional Technology Resources



**Photostory** 

## Step-by-Step Directions for Using Photostory

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- Click on <u>Student Portal</u> under <u>Quick Links</u>
- Click on Summer Math & Reading
- Click on Additional Technology Resources

## Summer Reading – Entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Tasks	Novice	Apprentice	Practitioner	Expert
Reflections and Additional Resources	<ul> <li>Name, date, title, author</li> <li>Mentions the theme</li> <li>1 connections for each novel: text-text, text-self, text-world</li> <li>Description of 1 conflict (character vs. character, character vs. self, character vs. nature, character vs. animal, or character vs. society)</li> <li>Setting, plot, characterization</li> <li>1-2 additional resources for the theme (not each book)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Name, date, title, author</li> <li>Describes the theme in both novels</li> <li>2 connections for each novel: text-text, text-self, text-world</li> <li>Description of 1 conflict (character vs. character, character vs. self, character vs. nature, character vs. animal, or character vs. society)</li> <li>Setting, plot, characterization</li> <li>3-4 additional resources for the theme (not each book)</li> <li>One or two types of resources are utilized more than once (e.g. 2 poems, 2 articles, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Name, date, title, author</li> <li>Detailed theme description that examines both novels</li> <li>3 connections for each novel: text-text, text-self, text-world</li> <li>Description of 1 conflict (character vs. character, character vs. self, character vs. nature, character vs. animal, or character vs. society)</li> <li>Setting, plot, characterization</li> <li>5 or more additional resources for the theme (not each book)</li> <li>Each type of resource is different from one another (e.g. 1 poem, 1 article, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All of Practitioner PLUS</li> <li>additional resources are varied in type and/or additional technology</li> </ul>
Organization	<ul> <li>Sets up and maintains a clear focus to the required theme</li> <li>Sections are clearly labeled and organized</li> <li>Maintains overall neatness</li> <li>Handwritten</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sets up and maintains a clear focus to the required theme</li> <li>Sections are clearly labeled and organized</li> <li>Maintains overall neatness</li> <li>Typed or handwritten in blue or black pen</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sets up and maintains a clear focus to the required theme</li> <li>Sections are clearly labeled and organized</li> <li>Maintains overall neatness</li> <li>Typed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All of Practitioner PLUS</li> <li>a reference list/bibliography is composed</li> </ul>
Quality and Creativity of Resources	<ul> <li>Develops the theme in an interesting and imaginative way</li> <li>Incorporates 1-2 graphics/images throughout the project</li> <li>Resources connect to the theme</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Develops the theme in an interesting and imaginative way</li> <li>Incorporates 3-4 graphics/images throughout the project</li> <li>Some resources are reliable, creative, thought provoking and connects to the theme</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Develops the theme in an interesting and imaginative way</li> <li>Incorporates 5 or more graphics/images throughout the project</li> <li>All resources are reliable, creative, thought provoking and connects to the theme</li> </ul>	All of Practitioner PLUS Project and resources exhibit a higher sophisticated style (e.g. use of scholarly articles, personal artistic creations, combination of primary and secondary sources
Grammar, Usage, Mechanics, and Spelling	<ul> <li>Few spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors</li> <li>Has a variety of sentence formations</li> <li>Uses correct sentence construction</li> <li>Uses correct tense and subject-verb agreement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Few spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors</li> <li>Has vivid language, fluidity, and a sense of engagement and voice. Personal tone is evident</li> <li>Has a variety of sentence formations</li> <li>Uses correct sentence construction</li> <li>Uses correct tense and subject-verb agreement</li> </ul>	,	<ul> <li>All of Practitioner PLUS</li> <li>Reflections and project exhibits a higher sophisticated style         <ul> <li>correct use of thesaurus to increase vocabulary</li> <li>correct use of varied sentence structures by using semi-colons, etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>compositional risks</li> </ul>
Presentation	<ul> <li>Error-free in pronunciation</li> <li>2-3 minutes in length</li> <li>Voice is audible</li> <li>Well organized and planned</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Error-free in pronunciation</li> <li>3-4 minutes in length</li> <li>Maintains eye contact</li> <li>Voice is audible</li> <li>Well organized and planned</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Error-free in pronunciation</li> <li>4-5 minutes in length</li> <li>Maintains eye contact</li> <li>Voice is audible</li> <li>Well organized and planned</li> </ul>	All of Practitioner PLUS engages audience by taking questions and presenting additional comments