

The Outsiders Paragraph Topics

Choose one of the following topics about which to write a clearly organized, well supported eleven-sentence paragraph. Now that you are more experienced writers, I am expecting greatness!

- 1) Discuss the ways in which one or more characters deserve the title of "outsider." You must describe what you mean by the term.
- 2) How does the relationship between the Curtis brothers change over the course of the book? Examples must be provided for each of the brothers.
- 3) Who is responsible for Bob's death? Avoid speculation and hypothetical situations (e.g. If only liquor stores didn't sell to underage boys . . .).
- 4) Discuss the "sunset" theme in terms of what it means to Ponyboy, Cherry and Johnny.
- 5) Who are the gallant characters in The Outsiders, and what do they do to earn that distinction?
- 6) What does it mean to "stay gold," and have any of the characters done so? You may refer to symbols discussed in the poem by Robert Frost as well as to other golden images.