**The Outsiders Writing Task**

**Directions:** You have now finished reading The Outsiders by SE Hinton. In Q1, we looked at many narrative elements. Choose one of the three prompts below to write an essay that demonstrates your understanding of Q1 concepts, and your comprehension of the novel. Your finished essay should demonstrate your analysis of the novel, and be supported by at least three relevant, properly cited quotes from the novel. In addition to being scored by the 6+1 Traits of Writing, you will need to turn in your pre-writing, and your rough draft.

**Essay Prompts:**

1. Theme is the underlying message of the story. Identify three themes in The Outsiders and explain how a character, or more than one character’s actions developed the themes over the course of the text. (What did the characters say, do, think, to help the readers understand the themes of the novel?)
2. Conflict is what drives the plot and plot is specifically structured to develop the theme of a narrative. Identify three events related to the conflict and how they support a theme developed in The Outsiders.
3. Discuss the symbolism of the novel’s physical setting. How does the division between the East Side and the West Side represent the conflict within the novel itself? What is the importance of the sunset?

**Grading and Due Dates**

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| Item | Grade | Points | Due Date |
| 1st Paragraph: Hook, Introduction, Thesis Statement | Formative | 100 | 11/28 |
| Evidence: 3 Quotes and Explanations | Summative | 15 | 11/29 |
| 3 Body Paragraphs | Formative | 100 | 11/30 |
| Conclusion | Formative | 100 | 12/1 |
| Completed Essay | Summative | 35 | 12/1 |