**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. Explain the conflict in The Outsiders. Why does it exist? Why doesn’t it go away? What events are a result of the conflict? Use two quotes (from different parts of the novel) to support your answer.
2. Identify one theme, or lesson you learned about life, from The Outsiders. Use two quotes (from different parts of the novel) to support your answer of how SE Hinton developed that theme throughout the novel.
3. Explain how the sunset is symbolic for both Cherry and Ponyboy. What does the sunset represent and why is it important? Use two quotes (from different parts of the novel) to support your answer.

**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 |