

Middle School English
Summer Reading Assignment (Grade 7)
2022-2023

All students enrolled in 7th grade English in the fall must read the required text selection below. Complete the Question Quote Response (QQR) Journal assignment as you read the novel. Your journal will be turned in as an assignment and will be used in discussion upon your return to school.

Required Book

The Outsiders
 by S. E. Hinton

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"No one ever said life was easy. But Ponyboy is pretty sure that he's got things figured out. He knows that he can count on his brothers, Darry and Sodapop. And he knows that he can count on his friends—true friends who would do anything for him, like Johnny and Two-Bit. But not on much else besides trouble with the Socs, a vicious gang of rich kids whose idea of a good time is beating up on "greasers" like Ponyboy. At least he knows what to expect—until the night someone takes things too far."
 - Amazon.com

We hope you have an enjoyable summer and find time to relax, read, and reflect!

See you in August,
Mrs. Blumberg and Mrs. David

Question Quote Response Journal Directions

While reading *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton, complete the attached QQR journal (see pages attached).

The following questions require you to find and use text evidence to support your responses. *Please note: Each of these questions will be answered with two journal entries (TWO quotes and TWO responses).*

1. As you read, look for changes in a character's attitude. What causes these changes?
2. Examine the actions of a main character. Why does the character do these things?
3. As you read, look for opinions a character has towards people or events.
4. Describe one similarity and difference you have with a main character in your book.
5. Relate experiences the character had with experiences of your own.

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the graphic organizer. It will be collected upon your return and used to participate in class discussion.

- As you read, choose passages that stand out to you to answer each of the questions. Record them in the Quotation column of the chart. ALWAYS be sure to include page numbers.
- In the Response column, write your answer to the question showing how the quotation you chose relates.

Good Example and a Non-example of an entry for the QQR journal

- The quote must be complete and understandable, providing evidence for the answer to the question.
- The response must answer the question. The page number must be given.

Question	Pg #	Quotation (be sure to use """) (GOOD EXAMPLE)	Response
1. As you read, look for changes in a character's attitude. List and explain TWO of them here.	19	- "With Lourdes, he is openly affectionate."	Enrique's attitude changes from a loving son to an angry one because he believes his mother has abandoned him.
	45	- "He refuses to make his Mother's Day card at school."	
?		(NON-EXAMPLE) - "his Mother's Day card at school"	He didn't want to make her a card.