

Humanities 8
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Humanities 8 Summer Reading Assignment

Dear Rising Eighth Graders,

This summer, you are expected to read *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton. *The Outsiders* tells the story of a gang of teenage boys in 1960's Tulsa, Oklahoma. As you read the novel, you should annotate the text, marking key passages and keeping an eye out for the following themes:

- Bridging the gap between the rich "Socs" and the poor "Greasers"
- Divided communities
- The experience of being an "outsider" of society
- Self-sacrifice and honor between members of the gang
- The importance of empathy

On the first week of class, you will have an objective quiz and in-class essay over the reading. In order to do well on the assessments, you *must read* the assigned text. Reading SparkNotes, Wikipedia, or other summaries will not suffice. If you read, you will do well on the assessments.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at jeslicker@brookhill.org. Enjoy your summer and may the peace of the Lord be always with you!

Best Regards,

Mr. Eslicker