

Humanities 8
Alders

Humanities 8 Summer Reading Assignment

Dear Rising Eighth Graders,

Hooray, it's summer! And with summer...comes traveling, relaxing, various fun activities, and summer reading of course!

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. I am hopeful that you will find connections to the text in a variety of ways. As you read the novel, annotate the text, marking key passages, paying attention to the different characters in the novel, and keeping an eye out for the following themes:

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

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

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email ktravis@brookhill.org, and Mr. Travis will forward the emails to me, until I have an official Brook Hill email address.

Enjoy your summer and get excited for the 8th Grade. I can't wait to meet you!

Wishing you a wonderful and restful summer,

Mrs. Alders