

THE DAVIS ACADEMY

7th GRADE REQUIRED READING ACTIVITY, PART ONE

The Outsiders, by S.E. Hinton, is required reading for all seventh graders. Set in a small town in Oklahoma, in the 1950s, this “coming of age” novel shows how two gangs (the Greasers, and the Socs), deal with social problems which face all teenagers who come from different backgrounds.

Upon returning from summer break, we will discuss the book and compare the experiences of the adolescents then, with the issues youngsters deal with today.

REQUIRED READING ACTIVITY, PART TWO

Select one book from the 7th grade list of required contemporary choices and complete the following assignment:

Choose two quotes from the book that you feel speak to you. Be prepared to explain why these quotes are meaningful.

Choose one character from the book that you feel connected to in some way. Be prepared to share a list of character traits this character has.