

Cab Calloway Summer Reading for incoming 7th Graders

Directions: This summer, you will be reading *The Outsiders*, a novel by S.E. Hinton. While reading, you should consider the literary devices plot, conflict, and setting, as well as how those three elements influence one another in the novel. When you return next school year, you will be expected to have completed one of the three writing prompts below. The “rule of thumb” for length in each of these assignments is 3 paragraphs/1 handwritten page of loose leaf; each response should also include at least one specific quote from the text. This will be your first graded assignment of the year!

Option 1: Summarize the main plot in *The Outsiders*, and be sure to identify the Climax and Resolution. Remember that a summary should only include the “highlights”, not a play by play of the entire book.

Option 2: In your opinion, does the protagonist of *The Outsiders* face more of an internal conflict or an external conflict? Be sure to identify what you think is the main conflict of the story, and explain why you chose either internal or external.

Option 3: Explain how the setting of *The Outsiders* is important to understanding the conflict in the story. Would this story have been able to exist in a different setting? What were the important facets of the setting that made it so crucial? Be sure to identify the time period as well as the location and atmosphere/environment in which the story takes place.