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***The Outsiders* Webquest**

During this assignment, you will be gathering information and learning about the author, setting, and background for the novel *The Outsiders*. Follow the links and the directions in this packet to answer the subsequent questions as completely as you can. Unless it says LIST, all questions MUST be answered in a complete sentence that includes part of the question.

A. S.E. Hinton <http://www.sehinton.com/>

Read the information about the author starting with the Biography section

1. Where was Hinton born? (Coincidentally, this is assumedly where the novel takes place).
2. What influenced her to write *The Outsiders*?
3. What year was the novel published?
4. What happened to Hinton as a result of the novel's popularity?
5. What is the title of her second novel?
6. When was the movie version released? What does this tell you about the story?
7. Why does S.E. Hinton use a pseudonym? Do you agree with her reasoning? Why/why not?
8. Where did she get the idea for the novel?
9. List two other interesting pieces of information that you read in this section.

B. More on S.E. Hinton <http://www.library.okstate.edu/friends/cobb/hinton.htm>

1. Why does Hinton write from a male's point of view?

2. What did Hinton's son say about his mother's writing after reading it in school?

3. What does Hinton read and why?

C. A Look at Oklahoma - Oklahoma is the setting for all of the her novels <http://www.travelok.com/students>

1. Please gather and list five interesting facts about the state.
 - A.

 - B.

 - C.

 - D.

 - E.

2. Now that you know a little bit about Oklahoma, how do think that influences the events in the novel? How might the story be different if it were taking place here in Rocklin, CA?

D. Life in the 60s <http://www.wgeneration.com/1960.html> and <http://www.thepeoplehistory.com/1960s.html>

1. List some of the popular things: TV, people, toys, music, etc (choose 3 more categories)

2. What was happening in the government?

3. Were there any significant social/cultural accomplishments?

4. Was there any social tension? Why?

5. What do you think some of the major differences are between growing up in the sixties and growing up today?

E. Paul Newman – the celebrity <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000056/bio>

He is a movie star mentioned at the beginning of the novel. Although he might seem inconsequential, he helps pull the time period into perspective. View the website dedicated to Paul Newman and answer the relating questions.

1. What were some of Paul Newman's films that may have been popular during the time period (late 60s) the novel is set in?

2. What is Paul Newman currently known for?

3. Click on the photos icon in the upper left. Locate and view some of the photographs from Newman's younger years. Why might the characters in the book idolize him?

4. If you were an author of a modern day novel, what famous actor would your main character idolize? In other words, what actor do you think epitomizes (perfectly represents) American movie stars today? Why?

F. Elvis Presley http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elvis_Presley

Elvis was another person who is idolized by the Greasers in the novel. In fact, one would say that they based their style on this very famous man. Read over the information about “The King” and answer the questions that follow.

1. What is Elvis Presley also known as? Why?

2. List 2 to 3 other interesting facts about Elvis Presley:

G. The Beatles <http://www.songstube.net/>

While the Greasers idolize Elvis, the Socs idolize The Beatles. Spend some time looking at the following site. View a sampling of their videos/songs. You don't have to look at them all, perhaps six or seven would be sufficient.

1. Are there any members of the Beatles that are still alive? If so, how old is/are they?

2. What do you think the different musical and style choices of the Greasers and the Socs says about their groups?

3. What do you think would be today's equivalents to the two musical groups? Why?