

Name:

Summer Reading 8th Grade

Fiction Novel:

All of 8th grade will read The Outsiders by SE Hinton. We will be using this text in the first few weeks of school and will expect that students have completed the reading before the first day of school. [The Outsiders](#) - link to full-text PDF

- 1) Print out the character map on the next page.
- 2) Choose a significant character from The Outsiders and complete the map.
- 3) Be sure to use colors and symbols in addition to words.
- 4) Identify quotations with page numbers.
- 5) Carefully proofread your written response.

Non-Fiction and Short Fiction:

- 1) Go to www.commonlit.org/enroll
- 2) Class code - **PYEW8PP**
- 3) Read the following texts and answer assessment questions:
 - a) "The Terror" - memoir
 - b) "Why Kids Bully" - informational text
 - c) "Nothing Gold Can Stay" - poem
 - d) "The Long Haired Boy" - poem.

Looking for a challenge?

- 1) Start a series - [Goodreads Popular Middle School Series](#)
- 2) Or read one of the following:
 - a) The Hobbit,
 - b) I Am Malala,
 - c) Mountains Beyond Mountains,
 - d) Be a Changemaker,
 - e) The Boys in the Boat,
 - f) The Hitler Olympics,
 - g) Binti,
 - h) and/ or The Odyssey (graphic novel version).
- 3) Students may complete an additional character map (page 2) to show completion and understanding of supplementary text.

Name: _____

YOUR NAME:

What does the character THINK?

Textual evidence that proves this:

HEAD

What does the character SAY that helps determine what kind of person he/she is?

Textual evidence that proves this:

SPEECH

What CONFLICT does the character carry?

Textual evidence that proves this:

SHOULDERS

What does the character FEEL?

Textual evidence that proves this:

HEART

What does the character DO?

Textual evidence that proves this:

HANDS

DIRECTIONS:

Complete each section of the character map then decorate the body to represent your character by adding facial features, clothes, objects, etc.

**CHARACTER
MAP**

CHARACTER NAME: _____

What is the character GOING to do next?

Textual evidence that proves this:

LEGS

Summarize your understanding of this character as a whole. Feel free to use information from your body map to describe him or her! (3+ sentences)
