

**Literature Response Journal for Upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

**You must do a literary response journal for 2 books: the required book, *The Outsiders*, by S.E. Hinton, and a choice book from the list. Both Response Journals are due on the first day of school. A template is included for both books.**

***Response Journal for The Outsiders***

**Directions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences. You may write in the spaces provided or type your answers on a separate sheet. Good luck! ☺**

In 5-7 sentences, describe what the book was about.

List the main characters here and describe their relationships to each other (friends, parent and child, etc.). If you wish you may make a drawing or a chart that shows the relationships.

List a quotation from each of the main characters that shows their personality and explain how the quotation shows what kind of person they are.

The biggest conflict in the book was when . . .

What kind of conflict was it (character vs. character; character vs. self; character vs. nature)?

Describe three major events in the book and give details.

The conflict was resolved when . . .

I thought this book was . . . (Give three or more supported reasons why you did or did not like this book.)

## Summer Literature Response Journal Rubric

	17-20	13-16	9-12	Less than 9
Literary Analysis	The student gave good, clear, thoughtful answers and backed up answers with good thinking and/or examples	More than half of the student's answers were good, clear, and thoughtful and backed up with good thinking and/or examples	About half the student's answers were good, clear, and thoughtful and backed up with good thinking and/or examples	Few of the student's answers were good, clear, and thoughtful and backed up with good thinking and/or examples
Writing	The student wrote enough for a reasonable answer, and the writing was mostly free of errors	More than half of the student's answers were long enough for a reasonable answer, and the writing was mostly free of errors	About half of the student's answers were long enough for a reasonable answer, and the writing had a number of errors	Few of the student's answers were long enough for a reasonable answer, and the writing had a number of errors
Total Possible	40			

*Response Journal for Choice Book*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Book Title \_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_

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