Layered curriculum will allow you to make the final decisions on your grade. While reading the novel, you will choose activities to work your way from the 1st layer to the 4th layer. All work must be YOUR BEST WORK and will be due at each deadline.

A - 180-200 points  
B - 179-157 points  
C - 139-158 points  
D - 138-116 points  
F- 115 and below

Layered Assignments:
You will start at the “1” layer to achieve between 35-45 points. You must earn at least 35 points before moving on to the “2” layer. Assignments must be evaluated and your record sheet initialed by your teacher before moving on.

“1st” Layer (30-40 points) Deadline _________________
You must earn a total of 35 points before moving on to the “2nd” layer.

Character Development
____ (10) Make a pair of collages that compare a greaser and a soc from the novel. You must have at least 5 pictures or words in each collage. Your collage must be labeled so viewers can understand your thinking.

____(10) Create 3 baseball cards featuring important characters from the book. On the front of each baseball card there should be a colored illustration and the character’s name. On the back of each card you should list 5 personality traits.

____ (15) Create a Venn diagram or double-bubble map, comparing and contrasting the socs and the greasers in the novel. At least 6 items should be in each of the 3 sections. Your items should be personality and character traits.

____(10) Interview one of the characters in the book. What questions will you ask him or her? How will the character answer your questions? Be sure to include at least 5 questions and 5 answers. No yes or no questions will be accepted.

____(15) Write a bio-poem about a greaser AND another bio-poem about a soc character in the book, so that readers can see how the two characters are alike and different. Be sure to include the most important traits.

____(20) Write a recipe or set of directions for how you would solve a problem in your life and another recipe for how a main character in the book would solve a problem. Your recipe should help us know you and the character better.
(20) Create a cartoon strip using some of the characters in the book. What will the characters say to one another? What will they do? Be sure that the characters maintain the personalities and behaviors that they demonstrate in the story. Your strip must be neat, colored, and have at least 4 scenes.

“1st” Layer Total Points___________

“2nd” Layer (For a total of 50-60 points) Setting
You must earn a total of 80 points before moving on to the “3rd” layer.
DEADLINE for the “2nd” layer assignment is ________________.

(15) Create a QUALITY, colored illustration for one important scene. Find words the author used to describe the scene. List five of those and the page where you found them. Write a 5-6 sentence paragraph explaining why the setting of The Outsiders is important to the story.

(20) Research Tulsa, Oklahoma in the 1960’s and write a one-page report. Your report must include at least 10 facts about Tulsa, Oklahoma during that time period.

(15) Create 3 bookmarks featuring important events from the book. Decorate each with a brief description and picture.

(15) Draw/paint and write a greeting card to Ponyboy from Sodapop inviting us into the scenery and mood of an important part in the book. Be sure the verse helps us understand what is important in the scene and why. Include cite text evidence (quote).

(15) Make a model or a map of a place in the book. Find a way to help viewers understand both what the places are like and why they are important in the book.

(30) Make two timelines. The first should illustrate and describe at least five shifts in the setting of the book. The second should illustrate and explain how the mood changes with the changes in setting.

(30) Rewrite a chapter from the book with a different setting. You can change the time period, state, or city. It must be at least one full page(typed) and change the outcome of the chapter.

“2nd” Layer Total Points__________ Total for 1st and 2nd Layer________
“3rd” Layer (For a total of 55-75 points) DEADLINE _____________________.
You must earn a total of 130 points before moving on to the “4th” layer.

PLOT/THEME
You must earn at least 55-75 points before you are finished.

____(20) Create 4 bookmarks featuring important events from the book. Decorate each with colored illustration on the front and a 3-4 sentence description of the event on the back.

____ (30) You will create a Wanted poster for a character from The Outsiders. You will determine from your notes whether he/she shows acts of loyalty or rivalry in the book. (See Template-Resource)

____ (25) Design a cause and effect concentration game. You may use index cards or any other game cards. Write causes in one color of cards and their effects on another color of cards. You must have at least 20 cards and instructions for the game.

____ (25) Imagine that this novel will be made into a movie. Design a movie poster to advertise the movie. It must include who will star in it, release dates, rating and an illustration of a scene. It must be colorful and creative! Look at the Hunger Games movie poster in the back or front of the classroom for an example.

____ (20) Design a book jacket for the novel. Include an illustration on the front. Include a quote for the back cover. Write a brief summary and short biography of the author for the inside back cover.

____ (20) Create an illustrated timeline. On a long sheet of paper, label and illustrate 12 important events in the book.

____ (50) Pretend you are a newspaper editor. Create a 2 page newspaper with headlines, news stories, advice columns, editorials and advertisements that relate to the time period of the book. Each page must contain at least 5 items. You may create your own or work on this with a partner so that each one of you will earn 25 points a piece.

____ (50) Make an alphabet book that covers items A-Z. Choose anything from the book to match the letters. Illustrate it.

“3rd” Layer Total Points__________Total for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Layer________
NOVEL REVIEW PERFORMANCE TASK

Scenario: You are a newspaper reporter for the Tulsa Times. You have been given the following assignment to report upon the ongoing conflict between the Socs and the Greasers. You have been asked by your editor to report on some of the events that have taken place—gang rumbles, murder, and a daring rescue. You will be writing 4 separate articles that will be compiled into one newspaper. This assignment gives you the opportunity to creatively tell the stories of the characters and events of S. E. Hinton’s novel, The Outsiders.

Remember to include:
1. Your newspaper articles will follow the appropriate reporting format: addressing the who, what, where, and why of the events.
2. Your articles will include photos and captions that contribute to your news articles.
3. Your newspaper will go beyond the events of the novel.
4. You will use evidence from the novel to support your opinions.

- Character: You will write an obituary for Johnny. (Resource 6.3)
- Plot, choose one:
  - Write an article that describes the fire rescue and rise to fame as hometown heroes.
  - Write an article about the rumble that focuses on the causes why the conflict escalated to this event.
- Theme: Write an editorial article that describes the conflict between the Socs and Greasers. (Resource 6.5)
- Final Analysis: You will make predictions about the futures of at least two of the characters as you interview them ten years after the novel ends. You will use evidence from the novel to support your opinions. (Resource 6.7)

As you complete each assignment, present it to me for grading and initials. Don’t wait until the last minute! Completing the assignments does not guarantee you’ll receive the total points. Do your BEST work to receive total points.

If you don’t understand an assignment, ASK! I will check with you daily to monitor your progress.

KEEP THIS RECORD SHEET IN YOUR FOLDER SO YOU DON’T LOSE IT!

Total Points _______________/200