

# THE OUTSIDERS

## Final Argument Essay

S. E. Hinton's novel, "The Outsiders" is filled with violence, strife, and death. In the novel, Johnny Cade and Ponyboy find themselves in a violent encounter with the Socs. One Soc, Bob, is killed during this encounter. Some people may say that Johnny is guilty of first-degree murder, and others may say that he is innocent. In a five paragraph essay, argue either Johnny's guilt or innocence in Bob's death.

Your essay must be five paragraphs in length and include textual evidence and explanation to support your claim. Your final draft must be typed in MLA format.

Final Draft Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Rough Draft Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Outline Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Brainstorming Due Date: \_\_\_\_\_

USE THIS SPACE TO BEGIN BRAINSTORMING YOUR INITIAL THOUGHTS

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## Final Argument Essay Brainstorming

Directions: Brainstorm reasons why Johnny might be guilty and reasons why he might be innocent. In the blank boxes, list reasons for each. Find and cite quotes from the novel to support each side of the argument.

INNOCENT QUOTE

INNOCENT

GUilty QUOTE

GUilty