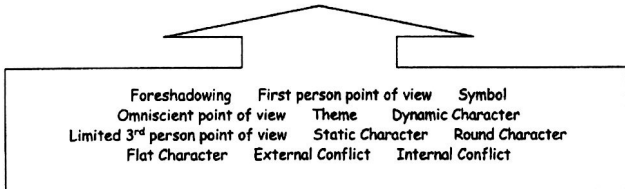


Key

The Outsiders - Study Guide

Part 1 - Literary Terms

1. Static character that remains the same throughout the story
2. Internal Con. conflict that exists within the mind of a character who is torn between opposing feelings or goals
3. Foreshadowing the use of clues by the author to prepare readers for events that will happen in a story
4. External Con. conflict that exists when a character struggles against some outside force: for example, another person, society, nature, or fate
5. Theme the message of a story, poem, novel, or play, usually expressed as a general statement
6. First Person point of view where the story is told by one of the characters, who is referred to as "I"
7. Omniscient point of view where the narrator reveals the thoughts of several characters
8. Limited 3rd point of view where the narrator reveals the thoughts of only one character, refers to character as "he" or "she"
9. Round character with multiple personality traits
10. Flat character that has one main personality trait
11. Dynamic character that changes throughout the story
12. Symbol an object that represents something else

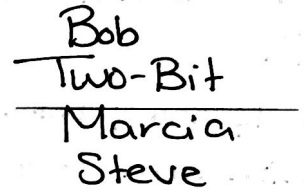
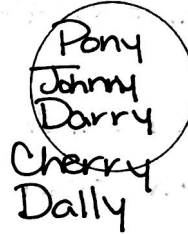


Part 2 - Round or Flat

*Put Characters in the circle if they are round and on the line if they are flat

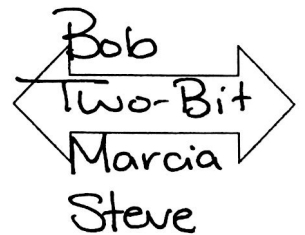
Characters:

~~Ponyboy Dally Steve~~
~~Johnny Darry Marcia~~
~~Bob Two-Bit Cherry~~



Part 3 - Dynamic or Static

*Put Characters in the star if they are dynamic and on the arrow if they are static



Part 4- Reading Questions- Point of View, Symbolism, Conflict

1. How does the story being told from Pony's point of view impact the reader's opinion of the Socs?

Pony is a Greaser, views Socs as "bad guys"

Doesn't want him to be sent to an orphanage

2. Why is Darry so strict with Ponyboy?

Wealth

3. What does the Soc's car symbolize?

Everybody has problems, don't look the same

4. What does the sunset symbolize?

Protection from Soc's // Look tough

5. Why do the Greasers feel the need to carry weapons? (Two-Bit's switchblade, Dally's gun, etc.)

Stay young // don't let life get you down

6. What does "stay gold" mean when Johnny says this to Ponyboy?

Rumble -> Randy talks w/ Pony

7. How is the conflict between the Socs and Greasers resolved?

8. What point of view is used in this line: "Johnny felt brave in the fire and was thinking that he could be a hero for once. Meanwhile, Ponyboy was terrified, wondering if he would survive this mess. Dally was wishing they never went in that church..."

Omniscient Third Person

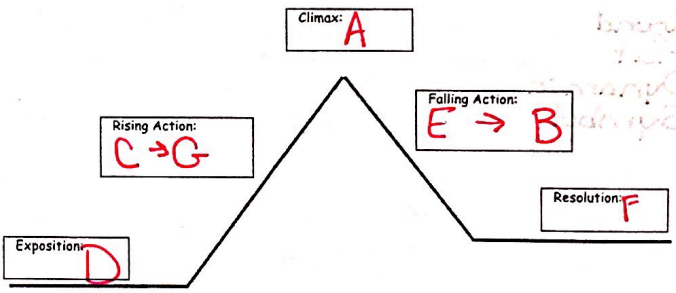
Theme: Below are examples of themes found in *The Outsiders*. Support each theme using evidence and examples from the text.

Theme	Evidence and Examples: How is this theme shown in the text?
"Life is not fair"	
"Honorable deeds are rewarded"	
"Authority figures have good reasons for forbidding certain activities"	
"Don't judge a book by its cover"	

PLOT: The sequence of events in the story. Label the Plot Diagram, using the letter of each plot event below.

A. Johnny dies, telling Ponyboy to "Stay gold"	E. Dally is shot and dies.
B. Ponyboy goes to court and is acquitted.	F. Ponyboy writes a paper for his English teacher about the past week.
C. Johnny kills Bob.	G. Johnny and Ponyboy save children from a burning church.
D. Ponyboy explains that he is a greaser and introduces the other greaser characters.	

The Outsiders Plot Diagram



Write the letter only