***The Outsiders***

**Novel Project**

**You vs. Who?**

**Directions:**

1. Choose a character from *The Outsiders* who you feel you can relate with in terms of personality and/or identity

OR

Choose a character who you feel you cannot relate with at all, for example, they are the complete opposite from you.

1. Compare and contrast the character’s identity and/or personality to your own.
   1. Would you both be in the same clique? Or different cliques?
   2. What characteristics are similar between you both? What characteristics are different? Why are they similar or different?
2. Create a timeline of the characters development throughout the novel.
   1. Plot their growth in terms of maturity, identity, and/ self-reflection, etc….
   2. Plot their mistakes and their accomplishments.
   3. Make sure you give examples and explain the character’s growth in terms of maturity, identity, and/or self-reflection.
   4. Be creative and use pictures, words, symbols, to represent these on your timeline.
3. Choose a creative and imaginative way to demonstrate your knowledge of the character of your choice and your comparison with your own identity and/or personality.

**Some examples for the project are:**

* a poster board with pictures
* phrases
* quotes from the novel
* poetry
* objects/items that demonstrate the differences and similarities between you and the character you chose
* write a journal from the character’s point-of-view and then compare that to a journal about you, or another type of genre (ex: poem, artefacts, etc…)

**Some questions to keep in mind while completing the final project:**

1. How is identity demonstrated in your choice of character?
2. How is the identity of the main character similar to/different from Ponyboy’s? What factors (such as life) influence this?
3. How does this novel or movie help you explore your own identity?
4. How can you demonstrate the differences and similarities between you and the character you chose using different types of medium (poetry, essay, journal, posters, etc…)