

Info Text Analysis-In small groups, answer the following questions for the text *An Outsider, Out of the Shadows*.

1. What aspects of Hinton's childhood contributed to her desire to remain private about her life?
2. Based on the text, what type of personality does Hinton possess? Cite quotes from the text as evidence.
3. How did Hinton's childhood experiences effect her as a writer? Cite quotes from the text as evidence
4. "I would tell myself, It'll get better"-What does this quote say about Hinton's character? Explain in detail. Cite specific traits as evidence.
5. "Ms. Hinton said that it hasn't hurt the book's continuing popularity because 'today black and minority kids identify with the Greasers' as outsiders"- Explain what Hinton meant by this statement.
6. What is the central idea of the text? Provide supporting details from the text.
7. What is the overall theme (lesson/moral) readers can learn from reading this text? Cite quotes as support/evidence
8. "My goal from being a child was to have a happy home life"-What does this statement reveal about Hinton's character? Describe in detail. Think about why Hinton made this comment, her childhood experiences, and her present family life.