

# *The Outsiders* Newspaper Project

## Rubric/Grading Criteria

<b>Title-</b> Clearly reflects overall plot, themes, and/or setting of the novel	_____/10
<b>Lead Story-</b> Contains 3-5 paragraphs and an attention grabbing headline. Detailed written description of the plot including exposition, rising action, climax, falling action and resolution/solution of the novel is present. Main character(s), main problems, events leading up to solution, and conclusion of novel are explained in detail and elaborated upon. Information flows smoothly with the use of transition phrases. Few errors in mechanics, grammar, and spelling are present.	_____/30
<b>Editorial-</b> Written explanation of opinion on novel. Contains 3-5 paragraphs and an attention grabbing headline. Editorial clearly persuades audience to either read or not read novel. Paragraphs are organized with logical sequence of ideas. Detailed reasons/arguments for opinion are present. Examples, quotes, or other details from the novel are used to elaborate on idea(s) and provide evidence for opinion on novel. Few errors in mechanics, grammar, and spelling are present.	_____/25
<b>Obituary-</b> Written description of a character who succumbed to death is present with 2-3 paragraphs and an attention grabbing headline. An understanding of the character's actions, relationships, thoughts, life, etc. is conveyed through description. Quotes or other details from the novel are utilized to develop a true portrait of the character's life. Information is presented in an engaging manner with varied word choice and transitions. Few errors in mechanics, grammar, and spelling are present.	_____/25
<b>Classified Advertisements-</b> Descriptions of someone or something that characters from the novel are in need of or looking for in the story. Goods and services in classified advertisements clearly reflect the setting/time period of the novel, problems or conflicts, or characters desires. Images clearly connect with the good/service. Language in classified advertisements is engaging, innovative, and persuasive.	_____/20
<b>Word Search-</b> 15 words/terms used in the novel. Characters' names, places important to the novel, or other vocabulary terms from the novel are present in the word search. Word bank is present/neatly presented.	_____/20
<b>Pictures-</b> Visual representation of characters, settings/places, and conflicts from the novel are present. All pictures are accompanied by a brief description, 3-5 sentences, to explain the picture and its relationship to the novel.	_____/10
<b>Overall Presentation-</b> Information in newspaper is organized. Layout is creative, innovative and clearly represents the novel's setting, characters, plot, problems/conflicts, etc. Newspaper is complete with all required components. Standard English grammar and usage is used throughout written pieces. Few mistakes in sentence structure, usage, or mechanics.	_____/10