

The Outsiders

Webquest

Today you are going to be learning more about the author and the setting of *The Outsiders*. Follow the directions for each section and answer the subsequent questions in complete sentences. Record all of your answers/responses in your interactive notebook.

Read the biography about S.E. Hinton. <http://www.sehinton.com/>

1. Where was Hinton born? Coincidentally, this is assumedly where the novel takes place.
2. What influenced her to write *The Outsiders*?
3. What year was *The Outsiders* published?
4. What happened to Hinton as a result of *The Outsiders*' popularity?

Next, learn about pseudonyms. <https://orionwriter.wordpress.com/tag/s-e-hinton/>

5. Why does S.E. Hinton use a pseudonym? Do you agree with the reasoning behind why S.E. Hinton uses a pseudonym? Explain Why/why not?

Now that you have some background knowledge on the author, click the link below to learn some more interesting facts about S.E. Hinton. In addition, you will learn about the setting of the novel including time and place

<https://prezi.com/leiwsoouf10qn/copy-of-the-outsiders-background-information/>

Now it's time to learn about the "King of Rock and Roll", Elvis Presley. The characters in *The Outsiders* idolize Elvis Presley. In fact, one would say that they base their 'style' on this famous singer. After reading about Elvis Presley, you will gain a better understanding of the characters' style and setting as it relates to the time period.

<http://www.elvis.com/about/bio>

<http://www.elvis.com/about/photos>

6. If the characters in *The Outsiders* have similar style to Elvis Presley, what inferences can you make about their personalities? Lifestyles? Describe in detail. Use the photos from the website to help develop your inferences.

Even though the book was published in the mid-sixties, the main characters of the novel would have grown up mostly during the fifties and early sixties. Check out the sites below to get a feel for what life was like back then, especially for teenagers.

<https://socialdance.stanford.edu/Syllabi/fifties.htm>

7. Now that you have more information about the time period and what life was like as teenager, how do you think you would have handled life during fifties and sixties? Explain in detail.

Check out this portrayal of teens during this time period. Pay close attention to how the characters act and speak. Also, listen closely to the words as you watch.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8exH-bRvqEE>

8. What are some traits you noticed about the characters, aside from their physical appearance? How did they seem to carry themselves? What inferences can you make about their personalities based on their actions in the video?
9. As you learned earlier, issues with civil rights were prevalent during this time period. What did you notice in the video that spoke to the issue of discrimination? Explain in detail.
10. Finally, after learning about the author, setting including time and place, and life as a teenager during the fifties and sixties, what do you expect to gain from reading the novel? Specifically, think about the problems teens and other citizens during this time period faced. How do you think reading *The Outsiders* will effect or change you as a person?