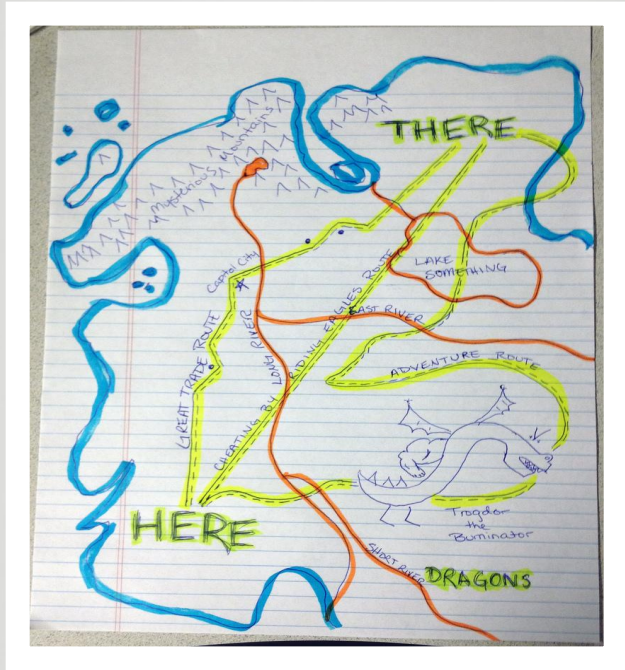


Thesis Statements

The thesis is the roadmap to what you are going to say in an essay.

- Write it before anything else!
- Include the author, title, and the main points you will make in your three body paragraphs
- Must have an **opinion**



Example using *Stargirl*

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In *Stargirl*, by Jerry Spinelli, the reader learns that individuality can come at a price as Stargirl experiences acceptance and rejection, and eventually finds out who her real friends are.

THREE BODY PARAGRAPH TOPICS

- ◆ acceptance
- ◆ rejection
- ◆ Finds out who are real friends are



Where you are going with this...

Individuality can come at a price

Each paragraph will have:

Topic sentence

Example:

Evidence: quote

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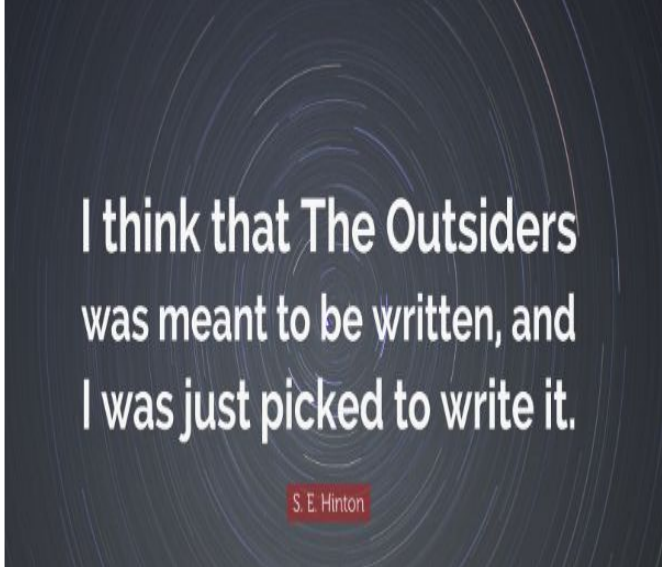
Evidence: quote

Concluding/transition sentence

As a new student, after the initial shock of her clothes and joyful attitude, Stargirl experiences acceptance from her new peers. For example, she is asked to join the cheerleading team. The reader learns, “By December she’d become the most popular girl in the school” (81). Another way she felt accepted was with her relationship with Leo. He describes it this way, “She was like no one I’d ever known, and I couldn’t look away” (94). This acceptance is new to Stargirl, but it won’t last long.

Resource Group Check in

Group Leader ask/discuss:
What do you think S.E. Hinton
is trying to say to us about
“outsiders”? Who are they?



I think that *The Outsiders*
was meant to be written, and
I was just picked to write it.

S. E. Hinton

What is the task for the *Outsiders* Essay?

Analysis Essay Task:

- S.E. Hinton never uses the word "outsiders" in her novel, yet it's the title of the book. Maybe she wants us to ponder whom the "outsiders" are. Write an essay in which you explain whom she may have meant by *The Outsiders*. Be sure to define what you mean by an outsider, and then explain whom you think S.E. Hinton meant. Be sure to use extensive examples from the book to back up what you say.

First body:
Example of one
outsider from the
book

Second
body:
Example of
another
outsider
from the
book

Third: Compare
the two and
explain what
makes them the
same/different

LET'S REVIEW SOME CONCEPTS

Thesis:

Last sentence of the 1st paragraph. Must contain the author, title, the three points you'll make, and be an opinion.

Quotes w/ page # in the sentence:

For example, on page 7, it says, "She was a Soc."

Introduction:

Examine the prompt. Answer the overt and implied questions. In this case I highlighted the questions.

Quotes w/page # at the end:

For example, it says, "She was a Soc" (Hinton 7).

Evidence:

Each paragraph is going to need 2 examples with two quotes. Set up correctly.



Approved thesis statements: (from Period 1)

- ◆ In *The Outsiders*, by S.E. Hinton, the reader learns that everyone can be an outsider, as both Cherry and Ponyboy feel like outsiders in their own group, but are very loyal.

Approved thesis statement: (from Period 2)

In *The Outsiders*, by S.E. Hinton, the reader learns that family has a huge impact on the lives of Darry and Johnny, and it is possible to find bonds through friendships that are just as important.

Approved thesis statement (from Period 5)

In *The Outsiders*, by S.E. Hinton, the reader learns everyone can feel like an outsider within their own group, as Johnny and Dally experience family struggles and loneliness.

Approved thesis statement (from Period 5)

In *The Outsiders*, by S.E. Hinton, the reader learns that being an outsider can happen even within a group, and others can never fully comprehend your experiences, as Cherry and Ponyboy reveal in their conversations.

Approved thesis statement from Period 9/10

In *The Outsiders*, by S.E. Hinton, the reader learns that people make sacrifices in order to “fit in” to a group, as Cherry and Darry both feel more connected to another group, yet stay loyal to their own.

Approved thesis statement from Period 12

In *The Outsiders*, by S.E. Hinton, the reader learns that the grass is always greener on the other side, as Cherry and Ponyboy they watch the same sunset and feel like outsiders in their own groups.

Approved thesis statement from Period 9/10

In *The Outsiders*, by S.E. Hinton, the reader learns that the more we focus on our differences, the more we feel like outsiders, as Cherry and Ponyboy both claim that their lives are different, but in reality they are much the same.

Formulate your thesis!

If you can't come up with one,
you may use any of these listed
here.

