

# Character Development



The narrator — Ponyboy — grows and learns a lot over the course of the novel. For example, his beliefs on the Socs changes throughout the novel. His views on the world around him also alters. Describe some of the major events and instances that cause him to change, and how they made him change. In the first column, write Ponyboy’s initial thoughts on a topic. In the second column, write the event that took place to alter his perception. In the third column, write his new thoughts on the topic.

INITIAL THOUGHTS:	EVENT:	NEW THOUGHTS:

# Themes



Discuss the themes of the novel — in particular how they are manifested in the story and their applicability to society today.

**Family Relationships**

**Social Conventions**

**Identity**

**Social Prejudices**

**Honor/Courage/Gallantry**

# The Use of Language in *The Outsiders*

In the novel, *The Outsiders*, the author uses the language of the Greasers through Ponyboy's voice. In Chapter 12 he says, "I know I don't talk good English (have you ever seen a hood that did?)". This includes improper grammar and many slang words. Find examples in the text where the following slang words are used, then find the meaning of each word using context clues. Write another word, example and its meaning in the last row.

**Word**

**Rumble**

Example:

**Meaning**

**Tuff**

Example:

**Weed**

Example:

**Heater**

Example:

Example: