

Motif

Motifs are repeating subjects, ideas, and features that help to develop and inform the novel's theme.

Example of a motif in *The Outsiders*: *Eye shape and colour*

"...Darry's eyes are his own. He's got eyes that are like two pieces of pale blue-green ice. They've got a determined set to them." - p.6

"His eyes are dark brown --lively, dancing, recklessly laughing eyes that can be gentle and sympathetic one moment and

blazing with anger the next."-

p.8 referencing Sodapop.

"He had gray eyes and a wide grin..." - p.9

referencing Two Bit

"His eyes were blue, blazing ice, cold with a hatred of the whole world." -

p.10 referencing Dally .

"He had big black eyes in a dark tanned face...He had a nervous, suspicious look in his eyes" - p.11 referencing Johnny.

What is the importance of this motif to the story?