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Language Arts 9

Essay Outline for *The Outsiders*

Introduction:

Hook sentence(s): The hook can be an interesting quote, scenario or scene hook, fact, question, quote by famous person, etc

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Bridge Sentence(s): Include the name of the author and title of book and a brief summary of what the book is about.

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Thesis sentence(s): What is the main focus or topic being explored in the essay?

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Student Example of an introductory paragraph for *The Outsiders*

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