

**Grade 9, Home Learning**  
**The Outsiders- Final Assignment**  
***Who's a Hero in The Outsiders?***

S.E. Hinton shows us a lot of different characters behaving heroically in her novel. You are going to explore the hero motif a bit more deeply. Please answer the following questions.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● What does it mean to be a hero?</li></ul>                       |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● What qualities or character traits do heroes possess?</li></ul> |

Below, please consider the following characters. Provide proof that they should be considered heroes. Some characters will have more than one piece of proof! In the organizer below you have some examples of how these characters were hero's (you do not need to include page numbers as you do not have a copy of the book) you may add your own examples as well.

I have uploaded notes on Important Events from each chapter, you may need to refer to these to help you with your assignment.

*Assignment: Answer the questions; What does it mean to be a hero? And What qualities or character traits do heroes possess? Complete a list of heroic character traits for each of the characters listed below; Ponyboy, Darry, Johnny, Cherry, Dallas & Randy. Then choose **One** character and write a 3-5 paragraph essay on why you feel they are the hero of The Outsiders. If you would like feedback submit early to your teacher and you will have opportunity to fix your piece and resubmit.*

Character	Proof that they are a hero (put the chapter the event occurs in)	What heroic trait are they displaying?
Ponyboy	<p>He saved kids from the burning church (6)</p> <p>He writes his "theme" to try to help change attitudes (12)</p>	
Darry	<p>He supported his family after his parents died (1, 12)</p> <p>He gives up going to college on a scholarship so he can keep his brothers together(7?)</p>	
Johnny	<p>He saves Pony from Bob drowning him (4)</p> <p>He stays strong despite his family situation.</p> <p>He saves the children when the church catches on fire (6) and he saves Pony!</p> <p>He is willing to turn himself in so that Pony can be reunited with his family. (6)</p> <p>He stands up to Dally when he is bothering Cherry (2)</p>	

	<p>Johnny prepares the note to give to Pony to show him how to live his life (12)</p>	
Cherry	<p>She helps the Greasers by being a spy (6)</p> <p>When Bob and his friends first encounter Johnny and Pony, she breaks up the fight. (2)</p> <p>When she first meets Johnny and Pony, she is kind. She does not judge them (2). She stands up for herself and what she believes in (2).</p> <p>Testifies in the courtroom (12)</p>	

<p>Dallas</p>	<p>He helps Johnny and Pony - gives them a plan, money, a gun, and his jacket to run away (4)</p> <p>He saves Pony and Johnny</p>	
	<p>from the burning church (6)</p> <p>He breaks himself out of the hospital to fight in the rumble even though he is injured (9) He tells Johnny they won for him. He is Johnny's role model or he looks up to him.</p> <p>He tells Johnny not to be like him; he cares about him even though he shows a tough exterior (6)</p>	
<p>Randy</p>	<p>He tells Pony that he will not be fighting in the rumble (7)</p> <p>He is nice to Pony and goes to see him. (11)</p> <p>Testifies in the courtroom (12)</p>	