The Outsiders - Opinion Piece

Choose one of the topics below and write an opinion piece. You must use examples from the novel to support your arguments.

Note: You must use the proper paragraph format as seen in class.

When you have finished composing your text, be sure to review it for grammar and sentence structure.

Topics:

- 1. Running away from your problems.
- 2. Doing what is right.
- 3. Sticking up for yourself.
- 4. Supporting a friend.
- 5. Sacrificing for someone you love.
- 6. Overcoming your fears.
- 7. The definition of a hero.
- 8. Reputations.
- 9. Taking pride in who you are.

Your paragraph must be typed, double-spaced, and handed in on

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An Unforgettable Greaser

Sometimes, when a person reads a book, he will compare himself to specific characters. Perhaps the reader feels like he shares the same sense of humour as the main character, or maybe he thinks they look alike. In the novel *The Outsiders*, many characters stand out, but none more than Johnny. This character is brave but also caring.

First of all, Johnny's bravery throughout the story helps to make him more confident; this is to be admired. Johnny puts his life on the line when he runs into the burning church to save the kids. He didn't have to risk his life for those children, but he did because he knew it was the right thing to do. This is merely one occasion that shows how courageous Johnny truly is.

In addition, Johnny proves to be kind. At the theatre, he stands up to Dally who is harassing Cherry and Marcia. Even though Dally could whoop him, Johnny speaks up because he cares about other people and he doesn't want Dally to scare these two lovely girls. Once again, Johnny shows that a greaser can be tough and gentle at the same time.

In conclusion, in the novel The Outsiders, Johnny proves to the reader through his kindness and bravery that he is a character to be remembered. When it comes to reading books, the more interesting the characters, the better the story.

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Categories	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
	(50-59%)	(60-69%)	(70-79%)	(80-100%)
Knowledge and Understanding: - Understanding of content (ideas, opinions, relationships, etc.) regarding the facts of the novel.	- limited	- some	- considerable	- thorough
Thinking: - Use of critical and creative thinking processes.	- limited	- some	- considerable	- high degree
Communication: - Use of conventions (grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc.), vocabulary, and terminology in written form. - Use of proper writing process.	- limited	- some	- considerable	- high degree
Application: - Making connections within and between various contexts (between the text and personal experiences).	- limited	- some	- considerable	- high degree

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