

Student: _____ Score: _____ / 25

The Outsiders - Theme Essay

Meaning: _____ / 5

- Has the writer developed a clear theme statement that is complex and runs throughout the novel?
- Has the writer maintained a clear focus on supporting this theme throughout the essay?

Development: _____ / 10

- Has the writer provided multiple pieces of strong evidence, in the form of direct citations from the novel, in order to support the theme?
- Has the writer provided sufficient analysis to explain *how* the evidence helps to support the theme?

Organization: _____ / 5

- Has the writer organized their ideas into appropriate paragraphs?
- Has the writer developed introductory and concluding paragraphs for the essay?
- Does the essay flow smoothly and avoid topic/idea jumping?

Proofreading and Conventions: _____ / 5

- Has the writer carefully proofread the essay to avoid errors in spelling, punctuation, capitalization, and title labeling?
- Has the writer made an effort to avoid run-on sentences?
- Has the writer followed the “ICE” format to weave in evidence smoothly?