

Olentangy Local School District Literature Selection Review

Teacher:	Simpson	School:	Shanahan
Book Title:	The Outsiders	Genre:	Fiction
Author:	S.E.Hinton	Pages:	180
Publisher:	Puffin	Copyright:	1995

In a brief rationale, please provide the following information relative to the book you would like added to the school's book collection for classroom use. You may attach additional pages as needed.

Book Summary and summary citation: (suggested resources include book flap summaries, review summaries from publisher, book vendors, etc.)

According to Ponyboy, there are two kinds of people in the world: greasers and socs. A soc (short for "social") has money, can get away with just about anything, and has an attitude longer than a limousine. A greaser, on the other hand, always lives on the outside and needs to watch his back. Ponyboy is a greaser, and he's always been proud of it, even willing to rumble against a gang of socs for the sake of his fellow greasers--until one terrible night when his friend Johnny kills a soc. The murder gets under Ponyboy's skin, causing his bifurcated world to crumble and teaching him that pain feels the same whether a soc or a greaser. This classic, written by S. E. Hinton when she was 16 years old, is as profound today as it was when it was first published in 1967.

Provide an instructional rationale for the use of this title, including specific reference to the OLSD curriculum map(s): (Curriculum maps may be referenced by grade/course and indicator number or curriculum maps with indicators highlighted may be attached to this form)

To acquire and effectively use new words in print and conversation through a language rich environment to increase comprehension.

Develop and apply strategies to comprehend and interpret text.

Include two professional reviews of this title: (a suggested list of resources for identifying professional reviews is shown below. Reviews may be "cut and pasted" (with citation) into the form or printed reviews may be attached to the form)

Review #1

1988 Margaret A. Edwards Award Winner

Review #2

New York Herald Tribune Best Teenage Books List, 1967

Chicago Tribune Book World Spring Book Festival Honor Book, 1967

Media and Methods Maxi Award, 1975

ALA Best Young Adult Books, 1975
Massachusetts Children's Book Award, 1979

What alternate text(s) could also fulfill the instructional requirements?

<u>Title:</u> That Was Then, This Is Now	<u>Author:</u> S.E. Hinton
<u>Title:</u> Bridge to Terabithia	<u>Author:</u> Katherine Paterson
<u>Title:</u>	<u>Author:</u>

Document any potentially controversial content:

Sexual Content

A few mild references.

Violence

Pervasive throughout the book. A rumble between gangs is vividly described. One of the main characters kills a rival in a fight. The main character has difficulty coping with the death of three other characters.

Social Behavior

The main character speaks approvingly of fighting. He is part of a gang that routinely engages in petty crime, although he avoids that behavior.

Drug/Alcohol/Tobacco

The main character speaks approvingly of smoking.

Keeping in mind the age, academic level, and maturity of the intended reader, what is the suggested classroom use: (check all that apply)

Gifted/Accelerated Regular At Risk

GRADE LEVEL(S): 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Reading level of this title (if applicable):

Date Submitted to Department Chair:

Suggested Professional Literary Review Sources:

School Library Journal

Horn Book

Bulletin of the Center for Children's Books

VOYA (Voice of Youth Advocates)

Library Journal

Book Links

Publisher's Weekly
Booklist
Kirkus Review
Wilson Library Catalog
English Journal (and other resources of the National Council of Teachers of English)
The Reading Teacher (International Reading Association)
Literature for Today's Young Adults