

Outsiders Chapter #1: Predictions

Directions: Follow along as we read chapter #1. Answer the following questions by making predictions about what you think will happen in our new book.

1. Author

How old do you think the author is?

Why do you think this is his/her age?

2. Background

Why do you think the Greasers stick together?

Why do you think they are called greasers?

3. Character Relationships

Do you think Ponyboy has a good relationship with his brothers? Why or why not?

Who does Ponyboy like/dislike in his gang? (make two lists)

4. Setting

Copy a quote that describes the setting of the book. Be sure to include the page # it comes from.

Quote:

What can you infer about the town from this description?

Page #: _____

5. Conflicts *Ponyboy's parents are dead and he is a greaser. His life is troubled.*

List three conflicts that you think might happen in this book. Be sure to say which type they are.

1. Person vs. _____

2. Person vs. _____

3. Person vs. _____

6. Point of View/Perspective

Part #1: The narrator is the voice/person telling the story. Describe the narrator & circle which type of narrator this is?

1st person

or

3rd person

Part #2: Why do you think the author chose this narrator? How do you think this perspective will affect the story?

7. Exposition

The first few chapters of a novel are called the exposition. The exposition introduces the setting, characters, and the most important conflicts. It is followed by the rising action. The rising action is where the conflicts escalate and the protagonist makes choices.

Predict two things that you think will signal the beginning of the rising action.

1.

2.

8. Style Sleuth

*This author has great voice. **Voice** is the quality of writing that makes it funny or enjoyable to read. A writer develops voice through word choice and sentence structure. Quote a sentence where the author used good word choice or sentence structure. Write your own sentence imitating her voice.*

1. Word Choice: _____

_____ page # _____.

Imitation: _____

_____.

2. Sentence Structure: _____

_____ page # _____.

Imitation: _____

_____.