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| **Rubric** | |
| **Introduction** | |
| exciting lead | /2 |
| introduces topic | /2 |
| explains connection to  *The Outsiders* | /2 |
| **Middle** | |
| defines topic | /2 |
| fully explains fact(s) from sources | /4 |
| **Conclusion** | |
| explains what the effect/influence of the topic was on *The Outsiders* | /4 |
| offers your opinion on the topic | /2 |
| **Other Stuff** | |
| has a creative title | /1 |
| **Grammar** | |
| correct capitalization | /2 |
| complete sentences | /2 |
| correct spelling | /2 |
| **TOTAL: /25** | |

*You must attach this assignment sheet to your final draft.*

Write a 1 page (2 column) research article about a topic that came up in *The Outsiders.* This article must be well researched and carefully written.

For this project, you must express yourself clearly. Your grade for this article will depend on the quality of your research, organization, and revisions. This project will train you how to share what you have learned with others and relate it to what you read.

This may be the first time you have ever written this type of research paper. Don’t panic! I have written a model article. You can find it in your student email or on my website. We will spend several days in the computer lab drafting, composing, and revising. If you are absent on a lab day, you are responsible to catch up on your own time. Your final draft of this article will be due on:

**Due :**

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| **Directions**: Using your research notes, create an outline for your newspaper article before you begin drafting on the computer. |

Headline:

Subtitle:

Paragraph #1 (Intro):

Paragraph #2-4 ish (Middle):

Paragraph #5 (Conclusion):

Summarize the main idea of your article: