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Final Assessment: *The Outsiders* Essay

Directions: This is an open book, open note essay test, but not open neighbor or internet. You will write an essay about a theme you feel is strongly expressed in *The Outsiders*. This is not a book review. You must inform the reader about a theme found in the novel and back it up with evidence from the book. Make sure to explain your evidence in detail.

Source: *The Outsiders* by S. E. Hinton

Themes:

1. Things are rough all over. (EX: pg 118)
2. Nothing gold can stay. Change will come, so it's best to hold on to what you value in life. (EX: pg 178)
3. There is honor even among the lawless. (EX: pg 154)
4. Bravery comes in many shapes and sizes. (EX: pg 92)
5. Communication is better than violence. Violence always has negative consequences. (EX: pg 116-117)
6. You decide how to survive or thrive in the harsh realities of life. (EX: pg 122)
7. No matter how different we are, we all watch the same sunset. We have something in common. (EX: pg 129-130)
8. Everyone may feel like an outsider at times. (EX: pg 118)
9. Growing up is hard, but it's good in the long run. (EX: pg 178-179)
10. Stereotypes can cause problems. (Ex: pg 1-5)
11. Another theme of your choice (MUST be approved by your teacher)

Step by Step:

1. Choose the theme you want to write about.
2. You are going to need at least **3 really solid examples** from the book to back up your opinion. Find those examples now! One is kindly provided for you with the theme. You may use that example if you wish, but do not have to.
3. Complete an outline (house or traditional).
4. Since this is not an argument essay, you do not need a counterargument.
5. When your outline is completed, begin typing your essay.

The theme I chose is #...

Essay: