

Explore S E Hinton's presentation of the character of _____ through the novel *The Outsiders*.

Firstly, choose which character you would like to write about. You need to ensure that you have enough to say about the character: it is no good choosing a character like Bob or Steve, who are not in the novel much (except to be talked about) as you will not have enough to write in order to show your understanding.

Choose your character(s)

The following characters would all be suitable for the essay:

- Ponyboy
- Johnny
- Dally
- Darry and Sodapop (you need to write about both of these if you choose them)
- Cherry and Randy (you need to write about both of these if you choose them)

Start planning

Write down what they do in the novel – in other words summarise what happens to them.

Explain how the character has changed, if at all, and what has prompted the change.

If your character has not changed, explain why you think this is.

For each idea about the character that you have find some evidence, even if you can't remember exactly where in the book the quotation is paraphrase it for now.

Write down your opinion of the character – in other words your personal response to them.