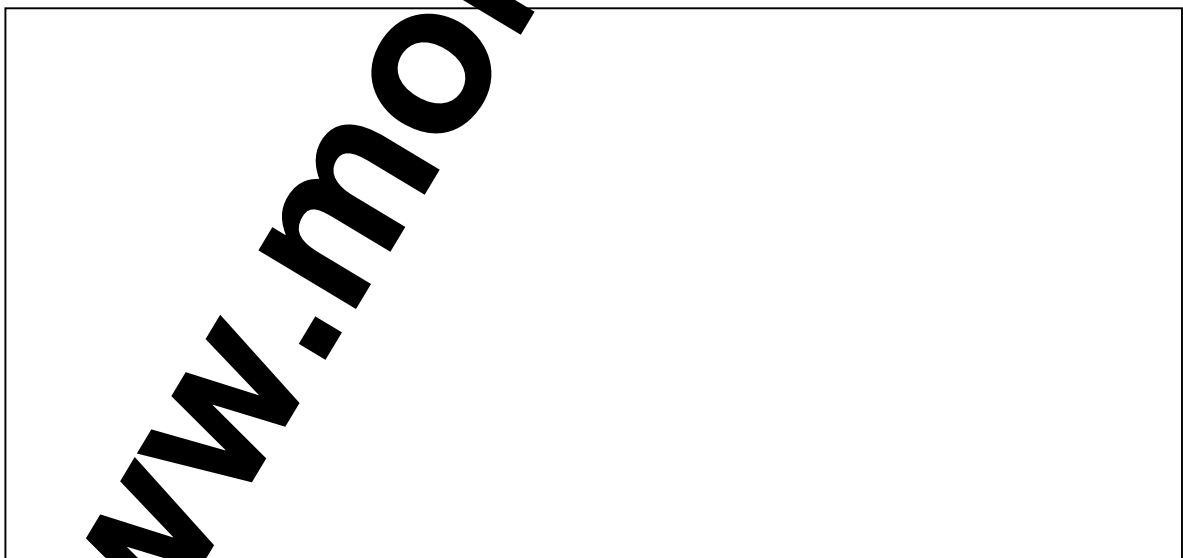


Writing about the film of *The Outsiders*

Choose ONE of the following essay titles:

1. Compare and contrast the way that ONE of the characters in the film version is portrayed with the way he is presented in the novel. You will need to consider his behaviour; facial expressions; body language; clothes and appearance. Choose a number of moments from the film to explore.
2. Explore how the opening of the film (including the music, the opening photos, the narration by Ponyboy and the first fight scene) introduces the characters and their situation to the viewer.
3. Choose a scene from the film that you think is particularly striking and explore why you find it so effective. You need to think about what is happening on screen; the music; the lighting and the camera angle.
4. Which do you think was better: the film or the novel? Explain your ideas fully, including discussing the portrayal of the characters; the setting and atmosphere through the film compared to the book; the opening and the closing scenes of the film compared to the same scenes in the novel.

Use the space below to write down your initial ideas – either as a bullet point list or as a spider diagram.



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