

**Cover Sheet for The Outsiders Essay**

**Name:**  
**Period:**

Before coming to class, organize and staple your essay packet in the order listed below. You must staple your packet neatly. That means the top of all papers are aligned at the top, and the left side of all papers are aligned at the left. A penalty will be assessed for turning in a disorganized and poorly stapled packet. Take pride in your work

Checklist: Check off each item if you have met the requirements below. If not, write "N" for no or "M" for missing papers.

- This Cover Sheet
- First draft (double-spaced & stamped) –You must use a different color pen to show evidence of self-editing.
- Essay Worksheets (stamped)

**Evaluation of Final Essay**

- Quality of Ideas (insightful, specific, and well-supported commentaries that support the thesis statement)
- Quality of Evidence (CD's are appropriate, specific, and relevant; they fully support the thesis statement)
- Presentation of Evidence (proper lead-in and integration of concrete details; CD's are correctly cited with page number references). Note: Sometimes it's better to paraphrase rather than quote if you will quote awkwardly.
- Organization of Essay (follows paragraph & essay format, progression of thought is orderly, smooth transitions between sentences)
- Writing Style (unique voice, advanced vocabulary, parallel structure, mature and varied sentence structure)
- Language & Mechanics (proper diction, grammar, capitalization, spelling, punctuation)

**Code Key**

AP = Approaching Proficiency	NCF = Not completely finished at deadline
E = Excellent	NP = Needs Practice
G = Good	NS = No Stamp
INC = Incomplete	U = Underdeveloped
LD = Limited Development	VG = Very Good
M = Missing	Y = Yes
N = No	√- = Does not meet minimum requirements

Paperwork Points Earned \_\_\_\_\_

Essay Quality (Descriptor & Points Earned) \_\_\_\_\_