

Name _____

Period _____

The Outsiders

PRE-READING BIAS

DIRECTIONS: Write down "yes" if you agree with the statement, "no" if you disagree with the statement, and "???" if you don't have a strong opinion about the statement.

Yes = I agree

No = I disagree

??? = I don't know

BEFORE READING	STATEMENT	AFTER READING
	(1) All students have a responsibility to do well in school.	
	(2) Our first impressions about someone are important, and we can tell who a person really is if we pay attention to what we see during that first meeting.	
	(3) Gangs don't provide true friendship or belonging for anyone.	
	(4) Teenagers are too young to be put in charge of important things, especially the responsibility of caring for brothers and sisters.	
	(5) People are the result of their choices, not the environment they grew up in.	
	(6) One a person does something bad, society treats them as bad forever.	
	(7) The issues teenagers are dealing with today are way different and way more serious than teenagers from decades and centuries in the past.	
	(8) When someone attacks you out of the blue, the safest thing to do is to attack back in self-defense.	
	(9) When someone close to you dies, people react by getting sad and going into depression that might last days at a time.	

INDIVIDUAL REFLECTION

DIRECTIONS: Answer these questions after our final novel discussion.

1. Which statement from the discussion, triggered the most thought-provoking or interesting ideas in your mind?

2. Summarize the discussion/debate over that idea from Question #1.

3. Thinking about all parts of the discussion, what specific idea did you change your mind on the most? Why?

4. How did you feel when someone disagreed with the way you feel about any of the ideas?