Outsiders Writing Assignment:

Directions: Write a 4 to 5 page paper (going over the limit does not matter) in MLA format discussing and analyzing one of the following topics from S.E. Hinton’s *The Outsiders*. A works cited is not needed unless you used some other sources of information outside of S.E. Hinton’s novel.

The possible paper topics are:

Write a paper explaining how expectations played a role in the lives of the Socs and the

Greasers. How did external and internal expectations influence each group’s actions in the novel?

Discuss the theme of social and/or class division in the novel. Is the rivalry senseless? What motivates the rivalry between groups?

Compare and contrast the father figures in S.E. Hinton’s *The Outsiders*?

List and analyze three elements of symbolism used in S.E. Hinton’s *The Outsiders* and analyze each.

List and analyze the ways in which S.E. Hinton’s *The Outsiders* portrays an accurate reflection of American Society in the late 1950s and early 1960s. Be sure to list and explain examples from the time period.

Choose one character from *The Outsiders* and trace his or her development throughout the story. Was that particular character representative of some larger element in society in the 1950s or 1960s?

If you have any particular topic about the *The Outsiders* that you would like to write about see Mr. Kline to discuss your ideas. I am open to suggestions. Papers will be due on the same day of the test, which is roughly scheduled for the second week of April.