Choose a project option that demonstrates your understanding of *The Outsiders*. Points will be based on creativity, effort, and thoroughness of topic – worth 50 points.

*A* Project Options:

**Final chapter/Epilogue** – An epilogue is a short chapter at the end of a novel. It tells what happened to the characters after the story ended. Think about the characters in the novel. How would the events within the novel affect their lives? Write the final chapter, the epilogue, that tells where the characters are 5-10 years later (no more than 5 typed pages, please). Must complete the “Any Questions?” page prior to writing your epilogue.

**Open Mind** – The events within *The Outsiders* takes place over the course of one week. Few could argue that Ponyboy was not overwhelmed with events and emotions. For this activity, you will show what was going on inside Ponyboy’s mind.

Suggestion: On the outside of Pony’s mind, show the events that are affecting Pony. On the inside of Pony’s mind, show Pony’s thoughts, feelings, and reactions to the events. You may use words, images from the book, symbols, or quotes to get your information across. Your open mind should be colorful, creative, and utilize all white space. On a separate sheet of paper, discuss the “top 10” images from Pony’s mind. Each “Top Ten” image should be at least a paragraph in length.

**Scrapbook** - Create a scrapbook for Ponyboy that focuses on the events surrounding the novel and offers predictions of where characters will be 5-10 years from now. A scrapbook is a book that is a collection of pictures and mementos that serves as a memory bank for a particular person. It tells/shows things this person did and things that were important to him or her. Your scrapbook should consist of at least 8 pages, excluding the cover. The mementos you choose to include in the scrapbook should be varied in nature, not all pictures, nor all pictures pulled from the movie. Include a caption/explanation of each item, explaining its significance.

- In addition to pictures and/or mementos. Include four of the following, at least one from each category:
  - **Poetry/Eulogy** – Create an original poem that highlights characters, events, or big ideas within the novel. Feel free to write any type of lyric or narrative poem. Poems may either be written in free verse or rhyme.
    - A eulogy or poem for Johnny. A eulogy is a speech that expresses sorrow over the death of another person. It makes remarks on the good done by that person while alive. This would have been read at his funeral.
    - A eulogy or poem for Dally
    - A eulogy for Bob.
  - **Letter/Police Report** – Pony is faced with difficult situations throughout the novel. Write a letter to Ponyboy in which you acknowledge the situation he is facing and offer advice on how he should deal with it.
    - A thank-you note written to Johnny or Pony by the parents of one of the children he saved.
    - A letter from Randy to Pony
    - A criminal profile written by a detective after he or she realizes that Dally the juvenile delinquent is also Dally the hero
    - A written report for the courts about Ponyboy and his brothers, written by the doctor who cared for Ponyboy
  - **Newspaper clipping/s** – Create a clippings from the newspaper that highlights an event that would be important enough for Pony to keep.
Movie Trailer - Create a new and improved movie trailer for *The Outsiders*. Trailers are intended to entice the audience; it is not a summary. Include appropriate music that highlights characters, main events, and themes without giving away the ending. It should be no longer than 3 minutes in length.

**Novel Soundtrack** - This is your big break – you have landed a dream internship working within the film/music industry. Working in conjunction with both industries, you have been tasked with creating a new, modern soundtrack for a newly revised film, *The Outsiders*. Just as the updated film will be modern and fresh, the music must reflect this decade and audience. You will create a version of the perfect soundtrack to present to both the film producer and record label company. This will be created using PowerPoint. The slides will consist of the following:

- Chapter number/provide an intriguing, concise chapter title.
- Title of Song and Artist/ [Web address linked to the song](#)
- In a minimum of two or three paragraphs:
  - Discuss at least 2 parallels to the chapter found within the lyrics.
  - Discuss the big ideas that both the chapter and the song share.
  - How is the mood or tone of the song a reflection of the plot or characters in this scene/ chapter?
  - Why is the song the best representation for this chapter?
- Provide background picture(s) that do not distract from your discussion.

**‘B’ Project Options:**

*Whose Phone Is This?* Choose one of the characters and complete the three steps to show what would be on this character’s cell phone. One side of your project will be visual; the other will include your written explanations. Be sure your answers are written in complete sentences.

- **Create a Cellphone** - get creative here.
- **Wallpaper** – Create the character’s cell phone wallpaper. Then, explain why this image choice would appeal to this character.
- **Messages** – This character just received two messages. Thinking back over the reading, explain which other characters just sent messages to this character and what is the content of each message. Include a believable reply.
- **Playlist** – Write three song titles with artists’ names that would likely be on this character’s playlist. Include a copy of the lyrics and annotate/mark-up reasons why this lyric would appeal to the character.
- **Apps** - In addition to a music app, include three apps that this character would have on their phone. Include an explanation why, when, and how the app would be used. These icons should appear on the wallpaper.

**Symbolism in a Bag** - Select 10 items that are representative of the novel and place them in a brown lunch bag or a box. The things you include should be symbolic and have more than one possible meaning or interpretation. For example, something as simple as a stick could represent shelter, a weapon, being lost in the woods, or even a character’s growing inner strength. Include items that deal with the characters, conflicts, setting, key events, vocabulary, or even the author. Include at least a one paragraph explanation for each item, explaining the symbolic nature of the item.

EX: Batteries symbolize the ability to make things function. Just like Johnny was the glue that kept the gang together and working, batteries keep many electronic items operating. Without them nothing would work.

**DUE ________________________________ 50 POINTS**
THE OPEN MIND FOR ___
Any Questions?

- Do the Curtis boys have any relatives that could have helped them out when their parents died?
- Does Ponyboy's English teacher like his writing assignment? What happens after he turns it in?
- Does SodaPop ever find a horse he loves as much as Mickey Mouse?
- Do Two-Bit and Marcia date?
- Do the Greasers and SoCs continue fighting with each other?

- Does Ponyboy go to college?
- Does Darry ever go to college?
- How will Ponyboy's experiences with SoCs affect his attitude toward other SoCs?
- Do Ponyboy and Cherry ever look at sunsets together?
- Do Johnny's parents see the other Greasers after Johnny's death?

- How do the boys keep Johnny and Dally's memory alive?
- Does Ponyboy ever share Johnny's message about staying gold with anyone else?
- Will Ponyboy ever live in the country?
- Do the people of Windrixville ever get in touch with Ponyboy again?
- Does the court allow the Curtis brothers to stay together?

- Do you think that the school's principal and teachers ever do anything to combat the friction between the SoCs and the Greasers?
- What happens to SodaPop and Sandy?
- Do Paul and Darry ever see each other again and talk about the changes in their lives since high school graduation?
- Does Randy ever jump a Greaser again?
- Does Darry remain a roofer, SodaPop a gas station attendant, and Ponyboy a writer during their adult lives?