

Select one of the following options and construct a well-developed essay.



**ONE**

Characterization is the literary term for the development of the characters in the story into real people. Most characters central to the plot and theme of the novel can be described in two ways:

- physically, which includes the outside description and
- psychologically, which includes the inside description and personality.

The Task: Select **two** characters from the book and describe these characters physically and psychologically.

**Be sure to include:**

- the author's name and the title of the novel, properly punctuated
- specific details from the book to support your ideas
- new vocabulary from the novel
- varied sentence structure that makes your writing interesting



**TWO**

Conflict is a necessary element in all of literature. There are many different types of conflict in *The Outsiders*.

The Task: Select **two** types of conflict and give supporting details from the book to explain the conflict.

**Be sure to include:**

- the author's name and the title of the novel, properly punctuated
- specific details from the book to support your ideas
- new vocabulary from the novel
- varied sentence structure that makes your writing interesting



**THREE**

Theme is the literary term for the purpose the author has for writing the story. Three types of theme questions are: "What message is there in the book?" "Why did the author write this book?" and "What have you learned about life from reading this book."

The Task: Select a theme, explain the theme and provide two specific examples from the book that supports the theme.

**Be sure to include:**

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- specific details from the book to support your ideas
- new vocabulary from the novel
- varied sentence structure that makes your writing interesting