

Think-Like a Disciplinarian:
The Outsiders by S. E. Hinton

BACKGROUND:

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TASK:

Students break into expert groups based on interest. As the class reads the novel, the expert groups assume the perspective of the expert, take notes, conduct research, hold discussions and plan a project.

EXEMPLAR GROUP: *Think Like a Politician*

This project is a proposal for city-wide football league, formed to build bridges and ease tension between the feuding gangs in the story, thus leading to lower crime rates in the city.

The Outsiders Think-Like Expert Choices:

Sociologist, psychologist, politician, economist, police officer, creative writer, journalist, English professor, social worker/parent, philosopher, lawyer, director, city planner

ASSIGNMENT 2: Choosing Your Discipline for the Novel

Choose your top two choices that interest you **from *The Outsiders* think-like expert choices:** Sociologist, psychologist, politician, economist, police officer, creative writer, journalist, English professor, social worker/parent, philosopher, lawyer, director, city planner

- 1.** Using the provided pdf or a website you find (with citation noted), write down the following information for those think like choices:
 - a.** Description of job:
 - b.** Specific tasks that the expert would perform
 - c.** Any ideas that link that expert group with these theme words: power, privilege, structure, relationships, and/or systems. Comment on at least two.
 - d.** BONUS! What schooling/education does this job require. Please note your sources of info!
- 2.** As you read, you will be recording the thoughts and views of your assigned expert. Twice weekly, you'll meet with your expert group to discuss your findings. At times, you'll meet with other experts to share findings.

ASSIGNMENT 1: Choosing Your Discipline

- 1. Take the career test to see what careers your likes/dislikes lead to.**

<http://www.yourfreecareertest.com>

***Write down the top four. Give your opinion on your top choice.**

***You MAY OR MAY NOT use the results to guide your expert choice.**

- 2. Write down the top three choices that interest you from *The Outsiders* think-like expert choices:**
- 3. Using the provided website or a similar one, write down the following information for those think like choices:**
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