Reading Assignment
The Outsiders Movie Assignment Questions

1. How was this movie different from what you remember from the book? In what ways was it the same? You may either write this using words or draw a Venn diagram to demonstrate the similarities and differences.

2. Why do film makers change certain things from the book when they adapt it to being a movie?

3. Think about the character which you chose to follow when reading the book. Was the actor’s portrayal of the character realistic? Why or why not?

4. In what ways were these adolescents just like adolescents today?

5. What lessons or ideas from the book became more (or less) real or understandable after watching the movie?

6. How did your mental image of the characters in the book either change or stay the same after watching the movie?

7. Some people would say that this book/movie is not appropriate for school because the characters smoke, drink, and swear, and there is violence and death in them. Do you agree or disagree? Explain your answer.

8. After reading the book and watching the movie, choose one of the following examples of symbolism and discuss the differences and similarities between the ways it was portrayed in the book versus the movie: hair, cars, switchblades, sunsets, Robert Frost’s poem, or the country. You may either write this using words or draw a Venn diagram.