

THE OUTSIDERS

Newspaper Project



Students create the front page of a newspaper based on the events in the classic novel. Includes everything you need to start today.

Can easily be extended into a group project.

“The Outsiders” Newspaper Project

Newspaper Assignment Teacher Hints

- I find it is sometimes helpful to brainstorm some of the major events of the novel order to help some students get started.
- This is a great opportunity to review the themes, characters and smaller events of the novel.
- I find I get better results from the students if they “report” on one event—for example an article on the church fire is going to be more captivating than an article that tries to summarize the entire novel.
- Encourage the students to think like a reporter. What slant or bias would they bring to their reporting? What bias do the townspeople have about the Greasers? What are the stereotypes about the kids in the gang?
- Photocopy the templates on to 11x17” paper for longer work.... Or use digital templates included in programs like MS Publisher.

Extension Ideas

- Have students complete additional pages of the newspaper. They could interview other people to see what they think of the events? Write about the novel from a fashion perspective, present some aspects as if they were writing a sports article...
- Have students work in partners or a small group to create an entire newspaper—they could decide what articles they would each write and then work together to compile one newspaper with multiple pages.
- Write a newspaper article from the perspective of a Soc. How would it differ from a newspaper written by someone who was friendly with the Greasers?

The Outsiders Newspaper

June 25th, 1963

25 cents

What Do I Need To Do?

You are a newspaper reporter who has been following the recent events between the Socs and the Greasers. You've decided to do a newspaper feature and will dedicate the entire front page of the paper to the conflict.

Your newspaper **MUST** have the following:

- A title banner with the creative name of your paper, the date, the price etc.
- A main article that covers one event and includes details that relate directly to the novel.
- An advertisement with prices and items appropriate to the time period. (Ex. There were no mp3 players back then...)
- At least one small article to fill in the empty space.
- A picture with a caption. (Can be hand-drawn or from the internet)
- If you're really keen, add an inside page for additional articles and ideas!
- *Look at a modern day newspaper for formatting ideas*



Local teens involved in murder. Ponyboy Curtis claims it was self-defense.

Find out more in our exclusive interview with Curtis on pg. A3

Read more inside!!

Helpful Hints

- Remember, newspapers are written in 3rd Person - don't use "I" or "me" except when directly quoting someone
- Newspapers answer the questions—who, what, where, when and why??
- Remember, your task is to report on the details, however you can add extra details not covered in the book to enhance your work.



1960's Prices

Dozen eggs - 45 cents
Skippy Peanut Butter—70 cents
Toothpaste—50 cents

Pack of gum—5 cents
Gallon of gas—31 cents
Gallon of milk—49 cents

"The Outsiders" – Newspaper Brainstorming

What Happened?

Why / How Did it Happen?

When / Where Did it Happen?

Who is involved? What characters are involved?

Fun & Creative Ideas



"The Outsiders" Newspaper Brainstorming

WHAT happened?

WHO is involved?

WHY did it happen?

WHERE and WHEN?

Creative Ideas





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"The Outsiders" Newspaper

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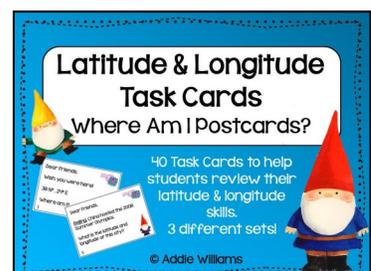
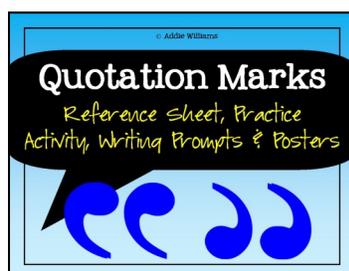
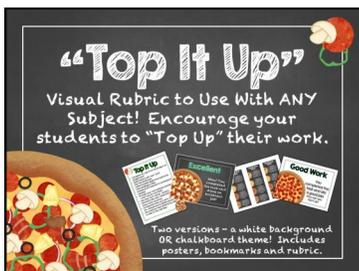
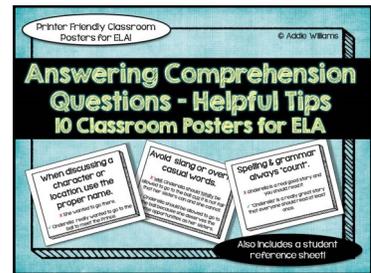
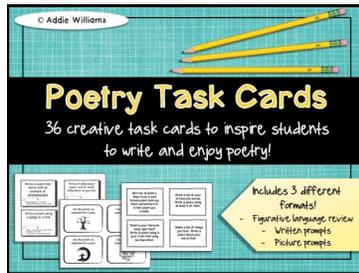
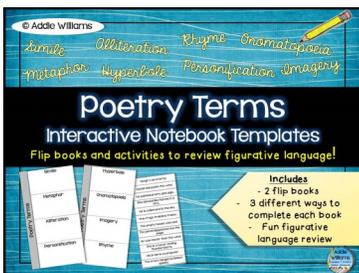
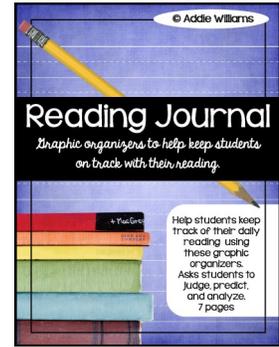
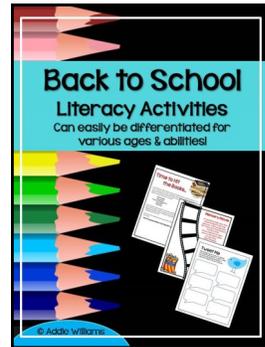
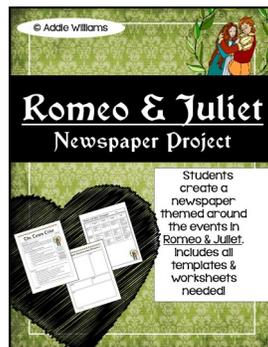
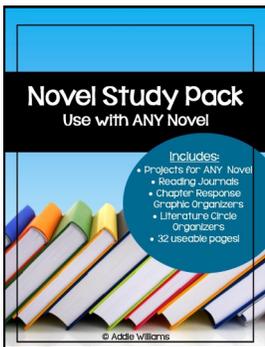
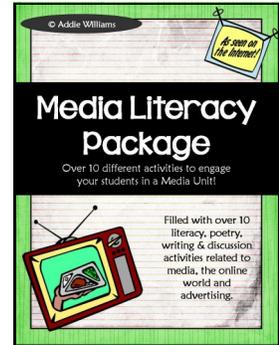
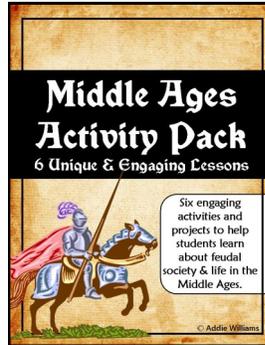
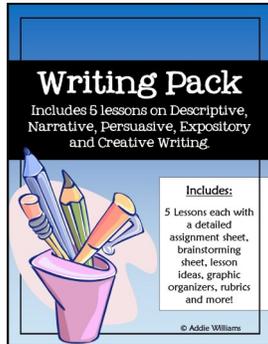
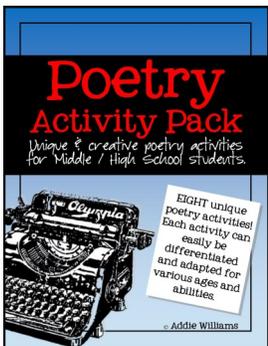
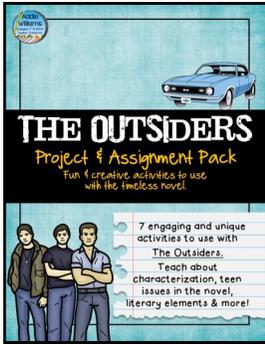
	Not Quite Yet 2 marks	Good Start 3 marks	You did it! 4 marks	Wow! 5 marks
Main Article ideas information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Missing many ideas and concepts Incorrect details and information Too short Written in 1st person 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May not be written in 3rd person. Minimal information Some information may be incorrect 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written in 3rd person. Interesting story that relates to novel Shows understanding of the novel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written in 3rd person Interesting and captivating story Relates to facts about the novel Includes extra details Shows in-depth understanding of the novel
Newspaper Presentation & Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not look like a newspaper No title banner, date etc. Missing many criteria Picture—no caption 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some attempt to make project look like a newspaper May be missing one or more criteria Picture—no caption 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well done layout, title banner, date etc. Looks like a Newspaper Advertising / extra article Picture with a caption 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative & unique Excellent layout, title banner, date etc. Looks like a newspaper Advertising / extra article Picture with a caption
Conventions spelling grammar paragraphs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frequent errors in simple writing Run-on sentences or fragments No paragraphs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Errors in basic language are noticeable Some run-on sentences / fragments Paragraphs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be some errors in complex language Most sentences are correct Organized paragraphs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occasional errors with using complex and complicated writing Well organized paragraphs

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