

# ELA Newsletter

## May 7 - May 25, 2018

### Important links and information from Mrs. Kirr...

Class website: [Scholarsrm239.weebly.com](http://Scholarsrm239.weebly.com)

### Further Reading...

[\*"Why Teens Should Understand Their Own Brains..."\*](#)

Day/Date

### Class agenda for students and parents...

Monday May 7	Book Talks <a href="#">Book Trailers</a> Independent Reading Review Article of the Week Video - <a href="#">Six Misconceptions about Native Americans</a> Introduction to Book Clubs What does it mean to be an "outsider" ? (Writing in reader's notebook...) Video intro to <i>The Outsiders</i> <i>The Outsiders</i> Kahoot - Slang Write names of three people
Tuesday May 8	Book Talks <a href="#">Book Trailers</a> Independent Reading Identity What is "identity" ? (Writing in reader's notebook...) <a href="#">Identity Map</a>
Wednesday May 9 - Friday May 11	<b>Taft</b>
Monday May 14	Book Talks Grammar - <b>join your book club when the bell rings</b> Independent Reading w/prompt (choices) --Make an identity map for the main character in your book. --Who is a character who is stereotyped? What from the book makes you say this? Why do you think the author did this? --Who is a character who is an outsider? What does the author say that makes you think this? Is this character an outsider by choice? Why or why not? <a href="#">Book Clubs</a> What are they? How do they work?

	<p>What do they look like / sound like?</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-<a href="#">6th grade - a short story</a></li> <li>-<a href="#">Classroom view - high school</a></li> <li>-<a href="#">High School Girls - Perks of Being a Wallflower</a></li> <li>-<a href="#">8th grade - The Outsiders (speed up so no spoilers)</a></li> </ul> <p>Expectations</p>
Tuesday May 15	<p>(Shortened classes - band concert)</p> <p>Grammar</p> <p>Book Talks &amp; <a href="#">Book Trailers</a></p> <p>Independent Reading</p> <p><a href="#">Webquest</a> for <i>The Outsiders</i></p> <p>Find out groups for reading <i>The Outsiders</i></p>
Wednesday May 16	<p>Grammar</p> <p>Book Talks &amp; <a href="#">Book Trailers</a></p> <p>Independent Reading</p> <p>Book Clubs - <a href="#">Information HERE</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hand out books and annotation guides</li> <li>Put name in book (and homeroom number)</li> <li>Calendar - Plan pages to read</li> <li>Begin reading</li> </ul> <p><i>Where can I find everything I need?</i></p> <p>Your locker or classroom for... a writing utensil, a notebook or sticky notes, your copy of <i>The Outsiders</i> book &amp; bookmark, and your calendar. Resources: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/KirrOutsiders">tinyurl.com/KirrOutsiders</a></p>
Thursday May 17	<p>Book Talks &amp; <a href="#">Book Trailers</a></p> <p>Independent Reading</p> <p><i>The Outsiders</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permission slip for the movie</li> <li>Signs of the Times - Cigarettes - advertisements from then and now</li> <li>Writing Prompt - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In what ways do you think that your way of life is different from the kids of the 50s and 60s? In what ways is your life the same? What hasn't changed over the decades?</li> </ul> </li> <li>Time to read for book club - <a href="#">Information HERE</a></li> </ul>
Friday May 18	<p>Book Talks &amp; <a href="#">Book Trailers</a></p> <p>Independent Reading</p> <p>Book Clubs - <a href="#">Information HERE</a></p> <p><a href="#">Discuss &amp; Reflect</a></p> <p>Read <i>The Outsiders</i></p>
Monday May 21	<p>Book Talks &amp; <a href="#">Book Trailers</a></p> <p>Independent Reading</p> <p>Grammar</p> <p>Book Clubs - <a href="#">Information HERE</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comprehension check for ch 1-3 if finished with those chapters</li> <li>Writing Prompt: What is a family? Create your own definition, then provide examples of what a family IS and what it is NOT. Who makes up your family?</li> </ul>

	Read and annotate <i>The Outsiders</i> independently Prepare six ideas to share with your group tomorrow
Tuesday May 22	Book Talks & <a href="#">Book Trailers</a> Grammar Independent Reading Book Clubs - <a href="#">Information HERE</a> How would (character's name here)'s life/situation be different in a world with access to technology we have today? Meet with book club <a href="#">Discuss &amp; Reflect</a> Read more of <i>The Outsiders</i> independently
Wednesday May 23	Finish grammar Book Talks & <a href="#">Book Trailers</a> Independent Reading Book Clubs - <a href="#">Information HERE</a> Writing prompt - What character are you most like (regarding character traits, NOT physical traits), and in what ways? Share with group? Read more of <i>The Outsiders</i> independently
Thursday May 24	Book Talks & <a href="#">Book Trailers</a> Independent Reading Book Clubs - <a href="#">Information HERE</a> Venn Diagram comparing Greasers and Socs Meet with book club <a href="#">Discuss &amp; Reflect</a> Read more of <i>The Outsiders</i> independently
Friday May 25	No School