

The Prompt

- “After reading the novel *The Outsiders* and a review of the book, and watching the movie version of the *The Outsiders*, write an essay in which you compare and contrast how the book and movie depict the issue of class. Refer to the book review for support as appropriate.”

How the Teacher Supported the Students' Reading

- *The Outsiders – The novel* – read independently by students and supported by class discussions
- *The Outsiders – The movie* – watched as a group with text dependent questions asked by teacher and a whole group discussion
- *The book review* – (8th grade complexity) read aloud to the class with text-dependent questions

The Work for the Day in 7th Grade LA

- Students will be able to create an outline that includes the main idea for each paragraph in their essay and the support they plan to use

Differentiation in the Classroom

Students are sitting in 3 different groups. All students have their *Outsiders* books and their copies of the book review. Some appear to have notebooks out. Teacher is moving from group to group. The prompt for the essay is on the whiteboard.

- Group 1 – no additional support to complete the task
- Group 2 – has support from their own notes from movie, the novel, and book review; some teacher-created notes highlighting excerpts that address class; a T-chart designed to help them compare book and movie
- Group 3 – has support from their own notes; some teacher-created notes highlighting parts that address class; T-chart for comparisons; sentence frames for making comparisons for the response; and the teacher

Close Up Look at Group 2 (4 students)

- Student 1 is reading her notes and the parts of the book she flagged and is making notes like, “this part shows the class differences between the Greasers and Socs by describing their clothes.”
- Student 2 and 3 are discussing a passage from the novel and disagreeing about what is happening.
- Student 4 is rereading the sections of the novel the teacher had flagged and is copying the teacher’s notes into her essay draft. She is also asking another student when they watched the movie and read the book review since she must have been absent.