**Grade 9: *The Outsiders* Project**

**Complete One of the following options:**

**Option one**: Create a yearbook including the characters from *The Outsiders*. You can do this using a computer program such as Microsoft Publisher or by hand using a binder. You must include pictures of the characters (photographs taken of people dressed up as the characters, pictures from the internet, or hand drawn sketches). As well, you must include quotes and information that is normally seen in a yearbook.

**Option Two**: Create a soundtrack for the novel. *The Outsiders* takes place in the 1960’s, but the situations the characters face are still very much relevant today. Choose at least 10 current songs that you feel fit the events, ideas, and themes of this novel. Burn the songs off and create a c.d. jacket. The jacket must include images and the lyrics from your chosen songs. You must write up a paragraph explaining why you chose each song and how it relates to the novel.

**Option Three:** Write a sequel to *The Outsiders* where you predict what happens next in the lives of the characters. Be sure to write it in story form and not just as an essay explaining what happens next. The story must show evidence that you understand the events of the novel and the characters. The sequel must be at least 3 pages double spaced (one page and a half single spaced).

**Option Four**: Write an essay comparing and contrasting the film and novel version of *The Outsiders.* What scenes were left out of the film? Why? Discuss characterization and plot. Were the characters in the film the way you imagined them in the novel? Did you prefer the novel or film? Why? Would you recommend this novel or film to a friend or family member? Why or why not? The essay must be at least 3 pages double spaced (one page and a half single spaced).