**Research Paper—*The Outsiders***

**Directions:** After reading and annotating your novel, choose one topic to develop into a full research paper. You will need to have at least three sources from your research in the library. Be sure to develop a clear thesis statement with supporting topic sentences that includes related details and textual evidence from the book and/or the related readings.

1. Research the issue of gang violence in the American teen culture. What is the gang lifestyle accomplishing for these people? Explain in detail.
2. Research the background for the literature mentioned in the novel. Why did S. E. Hinton choose these particular pieces to include in her book? Explain in detail.
3. Research the history of the American Juvenile Justice System. Why does this ideal play such a large role in the novel? Explain in detail.
4. Research the history of the Foster Care System. Why does this ideal play such a large role in the novel? Explain in detail.