**8th Grade Final Exam Study Guide**

Alliteration: The repetition of initial consonant sounds. Writers use this to draw attention to certain words or ideas, to imitate sounds, and to create musical effects.

Allusion: a reference to a well-known person, event, place, literary work or work of art. They allow the writer to express complex ideas without spelling them out.

Metaphor: a figure of speech in which something is described as though it were else. It works by pointing out a similarity between two unlike things.

Onomatopoeia: use of words that imitate sounds, such as crash, buzz, his, cluck.

Personification: type of figurative language in which a nonhuman subject is given human characteristics.

Rhyme: the end of lines in poetry that sound the same. Like king and wing.

Simile: Figure of speech that uses “like” or “as” to make a direct comparison between two unlike ideas.

**The Outsiders**

**Cherry Valance:** A soc who confessed to having an attraction toward Dally. She also describes to Ponyboy how much she loves Bob.

**Randy:** Says that he would have let the kids in the church “burn to death.” He says this when he visits Ponyboy while he is recovering from Johnny’s death.

**Sodapop Curtis:** Ponyboys favorite person in the world. He clown around with the reporters at the hospital. He runs away from home to avoid hearing an argument.

**Ponyboy Curtis:** The main character on the story that is the person telling the story. He daydreams about living in the country and buying Soda a horse. He also is knocked unconscious after his jacket catches on fire.

**Mom and Dad Curtis:** Killed in an automobile accident.

**Dally Winston:** Always brags about a long criminal record. He is shot and killed at the end of the story by the Police. Dally also robs a grocery store before he gets killed.

**Bob:** Bruises Johnny’s face with his rings. Is killed by Johnny.

**Johnny Cade:** Refuses to see his mother when he’s in the hospital. Is the greaser that kills Bob and helps save the children from the burning church.

**Darry Curtis:** Strains his muscles while carrying roofing supplies. Is Ponyboy’s eldest brother

**S.E. Hinton**: Wrote the novel, The Outsiders.