The Outsiders

Questions - Chapters 11 & 12

\*All answers must be written in complete sentences and kept in your Outsider’s Portfolio.

**GCO 4: Students will read, with understanding, a range of literature GCO 6: Students will respond personally to text. GCO 7: Students will respond critically to texts, applying their knowledge of written language, form and genre. GCO 8: Students will use writing to explore, clarify and reflect on their thoughts, feelings and learnings**

Content Questions:

1. Why do you suppose Pony tells Randy that he was the one who killed Bob?
2. What significance do you see in Darry calling Pony “little buddy”?
3. How were things at school for Pony after the hearing?
4. What does Ponyboy do to show he is not like the rest of the gang after Two-Bit tells him not to get tough? What does that reveal about Ponyboy?
5. How does Pony and Darry’s fighting affect Soda?
6. Discuss Johnny’s analysis of the poem, “Nothing Gold can Stay.” Do you agree with what he says? Why or why not?

Discussion Questions:

1. Darry says, “You don’t stop living because you lose someone. You don’t quit.” What are your thoughts on this statement?
2. What is the significance of sunsets? It is discussed a few times throughout the novel, what could it symbolize?
3. Why does Hinton repeat the same lines at the end of the novel as she begins the novel with?