*The Outsiders*  Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Reading Webquest Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The Outsiders takes place in a small town America in the 1960’s. Completing the following webquest will help you become familiar with the many references Hinton makes in her book. See Weebly for Websites ☺

**The Setting**: 1960’s culture

***A Decade of Change***

<http://www.bbhq.com/sixties2.php?caller=sixties>

1. Why did the National Guard have to visit the University of Mississippi in 1962?
2. What was the “British Invasion” of ’64?
3. What percent of the population were smokers in 1964?
4. In which country did the U.S. have 475,000 troops in ’67?
5. Which two U.S. leaders were assassinated in 1968?

<http://www.pbs.org/opb/thesixties/topics/culture/>

1. After reading this page, write 3 **INTERESTING** facts below that you learned about the 1960’s.

***Fashion***

<http://www.fashionencyclopedia.com/fashion_costume_culture/Modern-World-1946-1960/Rock-n-Roll-Style.html>

1. The Greasers are influenced by the 1960’s rock culture. After reading the website page above, list 3 facts you learn about rock n’ roll fashion.
2. One type of clothing that set the Soc’s (short for Socials) from the Greasers is a madras shirt. In the space below, describe a madras shirt. Google “Madras shirt” to see an example ☺

***Cars***

<http://www.corvaircorsa.com/monza.html>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chevrolet_Corvair>

1. The Soc’s drive Chevrolet Corvair Monzas. Use the links above to name the characteristics of this car that made it a leader in style.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ford_Mustang_%28first_generation%29>

1. The Soc’s also drive a Ford Mustang. Use the link above to see the first available Ford Mustang. What color is the example car and what year did they begin to be manufactured? How are they different than the Corvair in your opinion?

<http://www.hemmings.com/hmn/stories/2005/02/01/hmn_feature7.html>

1. Using the link above to find out how much the 1964 1/5 cost when it was first manufactured.

***Entertainment***

**Paul Newman** is a movie star that is referenced at the beginning of the story. Although he might seem inconsequential, he helps put the time period in perspective.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Newman>

1. In your own words, list 3 facts about Paul Newman.
2. Why might Ponyboy, the main character in *The Outsiders*, idolize Paul Newman; in other words, what is so great about Paul Newman that others would admire and look up to him?

**Elvis Presley** is another star whom the Greasers idolized. In fact, one would say that they based their style on this very famous man. Read over the information about Elvis, and answer the questions that follow.

<http://www.elvis.com/about/bio>

1. Provide 2 interesting facts about Elvis Presley.
2. Why do you think teenagers might look up to this celebrity?

**LAST THING-- List below the 7-10 most critical problems you feel kids between 11-18 face today:**