

Grade 11 Summer 2023 Reading List

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Grade 11 (HCB and CB)

"The Outsiders" by S. E. Hinton

- The reading guide can be found on the next page. These questions will guide you through the text.
- The summer reading quiz will be taken at some point during the first week of school.
- The completed reading guide is due on the **FIRST** full day of school.
- Can be purchased at:

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/outsiders-se-hinton/1100458329?ean=9780142407332>

Grade 11 (HCB Only)

"Unbroken" by Lauren Hillenbrand

- Students will take a quiz during the first week of school
- See reading guide below. Completed reading guide is due on the first full day of school.
- Can be purchased at:

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/unbroken-laura-hillenbrand/1100045446?ean=9780812974492>

Reading Guide for *Unbroken* by Lauren Hillenbrand

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Characters/People: Describe each person's significance to the text and/or the life of the main character.

1. Louis Silvie Zamperini
2. Cecile Perry
3. Sueharu Kitamura
4. Pete Zamperini
5. Cynthia Applewhite Zamperini
6. William Harris
7. John Fitzgerald
8. Don Lash
9. Mutsuhiro Watanabe
10. Louise Zamperini

Places/Things: Describe each item and its significance to the text and/or the life of the main character.

1. Torrance, California
2. Berlin 1936
3. B-24 Liberator
4. Radio Tokyo Studio
5. Superman
6. Eugenics
7. Nauru
8. Kwajalein
9. Mt. Misumine
10. B-29 Superfortress

Discussion Questions: Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Explain how Louie Zamperini's career as a child scofflaw contributed to his success in surviving WWII.
2. Analyze how the Japanese notions of racial superiority combined with the Japanese "culture of honor" contributed to the treatment of POW's during WWII.
3. How and why does Louie manage to escape the downed aircraft that was on the rescue mission to Palmyra? To what forces does Louie later attribute his escape? Discuss/entertain other explanations for his escape

4. Explain how and why a choice of attitude may have contributed to the survival of 2 of the men on the life raft and the death of the 3rd man on the life raft in the Pacific Ocean.
5. Explain how both cultural, educational and military indoctrination of Japanese soldiers made it likely that each soldier would rather fight to the death than be captured and held as a POW.
6. Explain how the advancement of the military career of Mutsuhiro Watanabe may have contributed to his attitude towards and treatment of prisoners in his camps and particularly his treatment of Louie Zamperini.
7. Louie refuses the opportunity to become an “enemy propagandist” (pg 266-267) and therefore suffers even more when he is returned to the POW camps. In your opinion, why did he do so, and what would you have done in a similar situation & why? Was Louie’s decision foolish or heroic? Explain.
8. Describe the “guerilla war” (page 248) waged by the prisoners in several Japanese camps. How and why did the prisoners continue to take chances with their lives in pursuing this course of action?
9. How and why is Louie’s life changed and redeemed by listening to Billy Graham? What seems to be the most important lesson that Louie learned from this speaker and how do these lessons affect the rest of his life?
10. How is Louie’s story of his post war experiences both typical and atypical of an American soldier who survived Japanese Prisoner of War Camps in WWII?

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1. Ponyboy Curtis
2. Johnny Cade
3. Sodapop Curtis
4. Darry Curtis
5. Dallas "Dally" Winston
6. Two-Bit Matthews
7. Cherry Valance
8. Steve Randle
9. Bob Sheldon
10. Randy Anderson

Chapter 1

1. From what building is Ponyboy coming out when the book opens?
2. Why does he like to go to the movies alone?
3. What celebrity does Ponyboy wish he looked like?
4. Who trails Pony home? What do they do to him? Who saves him?
5. According to Ponyboy's brother, what is one of Ponyboy's bad habits?
6. Who is the only person who can tease Darry?
7. Why is the 'gang' important to Johnny?
8. What happens to Pony's parents? Who raises him now?
9. How does Pony feel about his name?
10. Why does Pony think Darry does not like him? Who always takes up for Pony?
11. What did Darry have to give up in order to provide for the boys?
12. What does Sodapop tell Ponyboy about his plans for Sandy and himself?
13. How did Two-Bit get his nickname? What is his real name?
14. Explain the difference between "socs" and "greasers".

Chapter 2

1. How do the boys get into the Nightly Double? Why do they choose to do that?
2. What does Dally start doing with 2 Soc girls? Why?
3. What are the girls' names?
4. How do the girls respond to the insults?
5. Why is Ponyboy uncomfortable about Dally's behavior toward the girls?

6. What does Dally offer the Soc girls?
7. What does Cherry do to Dally at the drive-in?
8. What does Cherry say about Ponyboy's name?
9. What does Cherry mean when she calls Sodapop a "doll"?
10. Why is Ponyboy embarrassed about Sodapop dropping out of school and working at a gas station?
11. What makes Johnny stand up for Dally when the Soc girls put him down?
12. Why are the girls alone and without a car?
13. What story does Ponyboy tell Cherry when they are getting snacks at the drive-in?
14. What happened to Johnny 4 months earlier? How many Socs were there and what kind of car were they in? What does Johnny vow will never happen again? What does he carry now?
15. What does Two-Bit do that scares Johnny and Pony?
16. Who is the fuzz?
17. What is "a weed" slang for in 1967?
18. What rule do the Greasers follow, besides "stick together"?

Chapter 3

1. Where do Johnny, Ponyboy, and Two-Bit walk to with Cherry and Marcia after they leave the movies?
2. Cherry says the greasers are more _____ than the Socs.
3. What does Cherry explain as the difference between the Socs and the Greasers?
4. Besides Cherry, who is the only person Ponyboy is comfortable talking with?
5. What was the name of Soda's horse and what happened to him? What was Soda's reaction?
6. What kind of car do Cherry and Marcia's boyfriends drive?
7. What are Cherry and Marcia's boyfriends' names?
8. What does Johnny realize about the Socs in the blue car?
9. What does Ponyboy think Darry would do to him if Soda would let him?
10. What does Ponyboy say to hurt Johnny's feelings when they are walking home from the drive-in?
11. Who slaps Ponyboy after he says something hurtful to Johnny?
12. Why does Cherry decide to leave with the Socs instead of walking with Ponyboy and the greasers?
13. Where do Johnny and Ponyboy go after Cherry and Marcia leave with the Socs?
14. When Ponyboy doesn't arrive home until 2:00 a.m., why doesn't Darry call the police?
15. How does Darry react when Pony comes in late? What does Pony do in response?

16. Why do Ponyboy and Johnny run away?

Chapter 4

1. What makes Johnny and Ponyboy realize they are not alone in the park?
2. Where do Johnny and Ponyboy get "trapped" at the park?
3. Who surrounds Pony and Johnny in the park?
4. How does Johnny recognize who the Socs in the park are?
5. What does Bob do to Pony before he blacks out? How is Pony saved?
6. What major event happens in the park that is a turning point in the story?
7. Why does Johnny react so violently to the Socs?
8. Why doesn't Ponyboy know what is going on during the fight in the park?
9. How does Ponyboy react when Johnny tells him what has happened in the park?
10. Why is Johnny not nervous anymore?
11. After the fight in the park, what does Johnny tell Ponyboy they need?
12. To whom do Ponyboy and Johnny go for help? What does he give them? What does he tell them to do?
13. What is the source of the money that Ponyboy and Johnny get from Dally?
14. What does Pony mean when he says the socs were "reeling pickled"?
15. How do the boys get to where they are going after leaving Dally's house? Where do they plan to stay?
16. What excuse do Pony and Johnny use when asking directions to Jay Mountain?
17. What do Johnny and Ponyboy need to get once they get to the church?

Chapter 5

1. When Pony wakes up, why is he alone? What does Johnny bring back?
2. What book does Johnny bring to the church for Ponyboy?
3. What do the boys do to disguise themselves? Why is Pony so reluctant to do anything with his hair?
4. 8. What do Ponyboy and Johnny do to pass the time while hiding out in the church?
5. To whom does Johnny compare the southern gentlemen in the book he and Ponyboy are reading?
6. Johnny thinks that Dally is so _____ that it scares him.
7. Why does Ponyboy get sick on the fifth day at the church?
8. According to Dally, where do the cops think Ponyboy and Johnny are headed?
9. What does Dally bring to Ponyboy from Sodapop? What does Pony learn from it about Darry's feelings?
10. How did Soda know that Dally knew where Ponyboy was?
11. What does Dally say is going to happen tomorrow night? What are the terms of the event? Who is the spy for the Greasers that assures them the terms will be kept?

12. Where do they go in Buck's car?
13. What's a "heater"? Why does Dally have one?
14. Why are the Socs and the Greasers going to fight in the vacant lot?

Chapter 6

1. What does Cherry tell the cops about Bob's murder?
2. What does Johnny think he and Ponyboy should do instead of hiding out in the church?
3. What does Johnny ask Dally when he comes to the church?
4. What does Dally tell Johnny when he asks about his parents? How does Johnny react?
5. Why doesn't Dally want Johnny to turn himself in?
6. What "other side" of Dallas is revealed in the chapter?
7. When Dally comes to check on Johnny and Ponyboy at the church, where does he take them to eat?
8. What is happening to the church as they pull up? Who else is there?
9. Why are there children at the church?
10. Who does Ponyboy think started the fire?
11. Why does Ponyboy run into the church during the fire?
12. Why did Ponyboy pass out after the fire?
13. When he awakes after passing out from the fire, why does Ponyboy wonder if he and Johnny have been caught by the cops?
14. Who is in the ambulance with Pony when he wakes up? What saves him from being burned badly?
15. When Ponyboy wakes after passing out, where is Johnny?
16. What are Johnny's injuries from the fire?
17. How do Soda and Darry react when they see Ponyboy?
18. What does Pony realize about Darry when he sees him? What has been Darry's silent fear all along?
19. What is Darry doing at the hospital to make Ponyboy realize that Darry really does care about him?

Chapter 7

1. What is the extent of Johnny's injuries? How are the boys able to get the doctor to tell them of Johnny's prognosis?
2. Why would being crippled be worse for Johnny than someone else?
3. Describe what Soda is doing while the reporters are trying to interview Ponyboy.
4. As the reporters are leaving, one of them asks Pony, "what would you do right now if you could do anything you wanted?"
5. Explain what Pony means when he says Soda "reminds me of a colt."

6. What does the newspaper say about the “heroes”? What does Two-Bit have to say about the wording the reporter chose?
7. What is a juvenile delinquent?
8. Is Johnny expected to live?
9. Why do the Curtis brothers never keep the front door locked at night?
10. Who tails Pony and Two-Bit to the Tasty Freeze? Who talks with Pony alone?
11. What does he tell Pony that was Bob's 'real' problem? Why?
12. Why is this person not going to the rumble?
13. How did Two-Bit and Steve react when they saw Ponyboy?
14. What has happened to Soda's girlfriend, Sandy? Why? What do you think is the “real” story?

Chapter 8

1. What do you think the doctor means when he says to the nurse, “Let them go in. He's been asking for them. It can't hurt now.”?
2. What 2 things do Johnny want Pony and Two-Bit to get for him?
3. Why do you think that Johnny asks for another copy of *Gone with the Wind*?
4. Ponyboy realizes that the gang needs Johnny. What is Johnny's greatest contribution to the gang?
5. What does Johnny say when his mother comes to see him?
6. When Two-Bit and Ponyboy see Johnny's mother, what happens?
7. If Darry didn't have Soda and Pony, why would he be a soc?
8. Where do Ponyboy and Two-Bit find Cherry as they are walking home from the hospital?
9. What does Cherry mean when she says Bob "wasn't just anyone"?
10. What does Cherry tell them about the rumble?
11. Why does she refuse to see Johnny?

Chapter 9

1. Why do the boys fight? Why is Pony different?
2. What is the difference between Tim Sheppard's gang and Ponyboy's?
3. How do the boys show their excitement about the rumble when they are at the Curtis house getting ready to head out?
4. Pony thinks the only good reason to fight is...?
5. Why does Pony say that Darry is better than anyone else here?
6. Who is the youngest boy at the rumble?
7. Who is in a reformatory at the time of the rumble?
8. What are the rules for the rumble?
9. Why were most of the Greasers worried about the “no weapons” rule?
10. Who is going to start the rumble and why? Who is his opponent and how does it

happen that he is able to take the first swing? What is ironic about these two boys fighting against each other?

11. Which side wins the rumble? How is the winner determined?
12. Where do the boys go when the rumble ends? What happens as they are on their way in Buck's car? How do they manage to be let off by the police?
13. What advice did Dally give to Pony on the way to the hospital after the rumble?
14. What does Johnny tell Pony before he dies? What does this mean?

Chapter 10

1. Dally runs out "like the devil was after him" when he finds out Johnny is dead. According to Pony, why is Dally having so much trouble handling Johnny's death?
2. Of what did Pony try to convince himself on the way home from the hospital?
3. When Darry answers the phone, what do they learn about Dally? Where do they go to meet him and what happens?
4. How does Dally die?
5. What does Pony realize Dally wanted all along?
6. What did Johnny leave for Pony before he died?
7. Why do you think Ponyboy becomes so sick? What are his symptoms?
8. Pony wants to know if Darry is sorry that he is sick. Why?

Chapter 11

1. After Ponyboy studies the picture of Bob in the yearbook, what conclusions does he make about him?
2. Why is Ponyboy uncomfortable with his classmates visiting his house?
3. Who comes to see Pony at home? Is he going to tell the truth at the hearing?
4. Why do you think Ponyboy doesn't care what Randy thinks of their house?
5. What was Randy's purpose in visiting Pony? What was the outcome of their conversation?
6. What does Darry scold Ponyboy for doing in bed after Randy leaves?
7. What does Darry call Pony at the end of the chapter? What does this show about their relationship?

Chapter 12

1. Who speaks to the judge before the hearing begins?
2. Who is the first person to be questioned at the hearing?
3. Why does the judge question Darry and Soda about Dally?
4. Why do you think the judge's line of questioning is so easy on Ponyboy?
5. What is the court's decision on Bob's murder?
6. What happens to Ponyboy's schoolwork, memory, and attitude about himself

after the hearing?

7. What does Pony's English teacher offer to let him do to be able to pass the class with a "C"?
8. Why do the Greasers not eat in the cafeteria?
9. With whom does Ponyboy go to the grocery store?
10. While Ponyboy is sitting on the fender of the car, three Socs pull up. Why don't these three Socs like him?
11. Why doesn't Ponyboy feel scared when the Socs approach him and he threatens them with a broken bottle?
12. Why does Ponyboy pick up the glass? Why is this strange behavior, considering the surrounding events? Why is this action a relief to Two-Bit?
13. What does Darry mean when he says, "you don't just stop living because you lose someone"?
14. Why does Soda Pop break down and run out of the house?
15. How do we know Sandy didn't love Soda as much as he loved her?
16. After Pony and Darry go find Soda, the three of them talk. What is the result of their conversation?
17. Why does Pony pretend Johnny is still alive?
18. What does he find in Johnny's copy of *Gone with the Wind*? What does Johnny ask Pony to tell Dally?
19. What does Pony decide to write his composition about? How does it begin? Why is this important?