



Scranton School District Summer Reading Connecting Characters in Fiction For Students Entering Grades 6, 7, and 8

DIRECTIONS:

- Choose your reading material! You may select a book from the Scranton School District's grade appropriate extensive list. This list is available on the Scranton School District website: scrsd.org
- Read the book!
- When you have finished reading the book, choose a main character from the story and record the following information on a 4x6 index card. **THIS CARD WILL BE DUE THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER!**

INDEX CARD REQUIREMENTS:

1. Place a small, wallet-sized picture of the character from the story on the top left corner of the index card. This can be a hand drawn or printed picture.
2. Place the title of the book, the author, and the name of the character you chose at the top of the index card.
3. Write 1-2 sentences describing the character's importance in the story.
4. Write 1-2 sentences telling which of the Six Pillars of Character Education that connects to the character. The Six Pillars of Character Education are listed on the back of this sheet.
5. Provide text evidence to show how the character is connected to the pillar. You must use a direct quote from the story and provide the page number on which it appears.
6. Write 1-2 sentences explaining how you have connected to the character.
7. Write your name and grade on the bottom of the card.

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton
JOHNNY CADE



One of the main characters in The Outsiders is Johnny Cade. He is best friends with Ponyboy and he has an abusive father. Although Johnny is a member of the Greaser gang, he is a reliable and caring friend. This reflects the Pillar of Trustworthiness and the Pillar of Caring.

In chapter one, Ponyboy describes each of the Greasers, and states, "If it hadn't been for the gang, Johnny would never have known what love and affection are." (page 92). This quote demonstrates how important it is to have close friends that care for you. I connected with Johnny's character because I have caring friends in my life as well.

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