



## Appling Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading List 2018-2019

All eighth-grade students are required to read **one** book during the summer. **The required book is *The Outsiders* by S. E. Hinton.**

A plot structure diagram is on the back of this note. Students are to answer each section completely. Additional paper will be needed to complete the diagram. **This task will be the discussion guide for the book when students return to school in August.**

Happy Reading!

# Plot Structure Diagram

## Climax

(The main event between the protagonist and the antagonist or the moment for which the reader has been waiting.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Period \_\_\_\_\_

<b>1</b>	<b>CHARACTERS*</b> Protagonist and Main Character(s)
<b>2</b>	<b>SETTING*</b>
	Time
	Place

**6** **RIISING ACTION**  
(The major events that lead to the turning point.)

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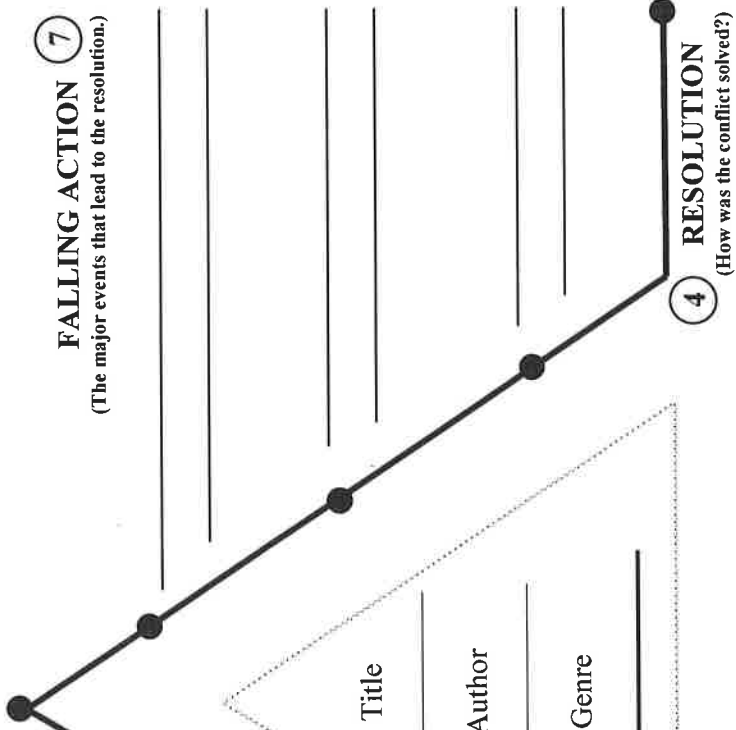
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**3** **CONFLICT\***  
(What's the problem between the protagonist and the antagonist?)

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Title \_\_\_\_\_

Author \_\_\_\_\_

Genre \_\_\_\_\_

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**THEME**  
(The lesson or message the author is trying to help us understand.)

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- How To Figure Out the Theme**
1. Actively read the text.
  2. Fill out the Plot Structure Diagram (follow the circled numbers)
  3. Examine the conflict, resolution and turning points.
  4. Ask yourself, "What is the lesson the protagonist learned?"
  5. Reword #4 so that it can apply to anyone who reads the story.

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