

## Language Arts Differentiation Plan for [REDACTED]

### Reading *The Outsiders*

- *The Outsiders* Court Project. On the page below I have pasted the prompt for this assignment. This project would be in lieu of reading guides and most reading notebook prompts.
- There is another student in the class that also needs a challenge and [REDACTED] can partner up with her on this assignment.
- If [REDACTED] chooses to do this, I will exempt her from reading guides and most notebook entries so she can use class time and homework time to work on this instead. I would also meet with [REDACTED] and her partner to go over expectations and other details of the assignment so they feel confident in the task. (Should be fun!)

### Narrative Writing

- Find a publication opportunity and/or contest to enter her work
  - [REDACTED] can enter her narrative in the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards under the category "Personal Essay/ Memoir." Submissions are open until September for the 2018 awards. It looks like the nearest affiliate is the Belin-Blank Center, but we can still enter everything digitally.
    - Website: <http://www.artandwriting.org/what-we-do/the-awards/>
    - Categories: <http://www.artandwriting.org/what-we-do/the-awards/categories/#40>
    - Gallery of past winners in this category: [http://www.artandwriting.org/explore/online-galleries/#writing=Personal+Essay%2FMemoir&art\\_portfolio=false&writing\\_portfolio=false&year=2013&state=All&awards=C&awards=B&grade=0](http://www.artandwriting.org/explore/online-galleries/#writing=Personal+Essay%2FMemoir&art_portfolio=false&writing_portfolio=false&year=2013&state=All&awards=C&awards=B&grade=0)

## *The Outsiders* Court: Is Johnny guilty of murder?

You are the lawyer in charge of defending Johnny in court. He has been accused of the murder of Bob Sheldon. Bob's lawyer, Ms. Miller, is making the case that Johnny had a motive for killing Bob and committed this act on purpose.

In order to defend Johnny, you must first understand the case against him. Here is an outline of Ms. Miller's defense:

- Johnny had a strong motive for killing Bob because he was assaulted by Bob and his friends.
- Johnny has been emotionally disturbed since Bob assaulted him and has exhibited strange behavior since the event.
- There are witnesses, Bob's friends, that state Johnny murdered Bob.

It is your job to persuade the court that Johnny is innocent of murder. To defend Johnny, you will need to create a presentation for the jury (the class) in which you persuade them, using evidence, that Johnny is innocent of murder.

Your case should include:

- A visual presentation (slides, powerpoint, prezi...) in which you outline your defense statements and ideas.
- At least four "witnesses"
  - Characters from *The Outsiders* with quotes that explain Johnny's innocence and history.

Ms. Miller and the defense will present their cases to the jury (class) for a vote on Johnny's guilt.