**Book Connections**

***Directions:*** *Each term you will read a book of your choice and turn in a paper that makes text-to-self, text-to-world, and text-to-text connections. The paper should be* ***1 page*** *long,* ***double spaced****, and follow the format below.*

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26 September 2015 *The Outsiders* (Term 1)

**Text-to-self:** *The Outsiders* written by S.E. Hinton, is a compelling and heartwarming story between two friends, who are both in trouble for murdering a member of their rivals, The Socs. These two boys are both Greasers, a group of boys who are thought to be a group of bad boys, but they are all about friendship, unity, and bonds. During the time they ran away from the situation, they stay at an abandoned church and form that bond, that friendship. I connected with this book because I had a friend who was like a brother to me. We protected each other when anything went wrong, and one time I had to defend him against bullies who started bothering him. The bullies . . .

**Text-to-world:** In the book, The Socs. and Greasers are constantly fighting each other. The Socs. are rich and privileged, while the Greasers live a simpler lifestyle, and are judged because of it. This reminds me of the social inequality in our community today. People say that we are the poor school in the district, and sometimes judge us by saying.

**Text-to-text:** Ponyboy recites a poem by Robert Frost in the book. I had heard it in English class a long time ago, but I didn’t understand it. I liked how the poem was able to describe perfectly what Ponyboy was facing. The poem said, “ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” Also, it reminded me of the movie \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ because of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.