

VOCABULARY - *The Outsiders*

Chapters 1-3 Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. I have to be content with what I have.

2. I am a greaser and most of my neighborhood rarely bothers to get a haircut.

3. I thought I was the only person in the world that did. So I loned it.

4. Not like the Socs, who jump greasers and wreck houses and throw beer blasts for kicks, and get editorials in the paper for being a public disgrace one day and an asset to society the next.

5. I automatically hitched my thumbs in my jeans and slouched, wondering if I could get away if I made a break for it.

6. He had on a madrass shirt.

7. He has dark-brown hair that kicks out in front and a slight cowlick in the back-just like Dad's . . .

8. I drew a quivering breath and quit crying.

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9. Steve Randle was seventeen, tall and lean, with thick greasy hair he kept combed in complicated swirls.

10. "Sure," I said, trying for Soda's sake to keep the sarcasm out of my voice.

11. She gave him an incredulous look; and then she threw her Coke in his face.

12. "Okay," I said nonchalantly, "might as well."

Part II: Determining the Meaning

Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. If there are words for which you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by process of elimination, look them up in a dictionary.

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| ___ 1. content | A. worth |
| ___ 2. rarely | B. indifferently |
| ___ 3. loned | C. tuft of hair growing in a different direction |
| ___ 4. asset | D. unbelieving |
| ___ 5. slouched | E. trembling, shaking |
| ___ 6. madras | F. bitter cutting jest |
| ___ 7. cowlick | G. by oneself |
| ___ 8. quivering | H. an ungainly gait |
| ___ 9. complicated | I. satisfied, pleased |
| ___ 10. sarcasm | J. uncommon, infrequent |
| ___ 11. incredulous | K. involved, complex |
| ___ 12. nonchalantly | L. cotton fabric shirt usually bright colored |