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Understanding Point of View: Character Diary Entry for The Outsiders

Character: _____

Fill in the table below and use this information to write a diary entry from the perspective of your chosen character. You will write a second diary entry at the end of the novel. These are your NOTES.

<p><i>Describe your character: personality and appearance</i></p>	
<p><i>Which situation (scene) are you writing about? What is the setting?</i></p>	
<p><i>How is your character reacting to or feeling about the situation?</i></p> <p><i>Using what you know about the character, explain why he/she is reacting this way.</i></p>	
<p><i>What does your character think will happen (or want to happen) in the next few days?</i></p>	

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Criteria	1	2	3	4	5
Paragraph elements: -Introduction to situation and setting -Character's thoughts and concerns -Character's hopes for future	A few sentences are handed in without attention to the assignment	Three elements are missing	Two elements are missing	One element is missing	All paragraph elements are clearly included
Writing Process: -graphic organizer -revisions -edits -final copy in blue or black INK	Only one draft handed in	Missing two or more components No revisions	Missing two or more components Minimal revisions	Missing one component Some revisions	All components included Final draft shows careful revisions
Mechanics: -spelling -grammar: rules for capitalization -complete sentences -punctuation	Multiple errors causing confusion	Some errors remain, causing some confusion Rules for capitalization have not been followed	A few errors remain, but do not interfere with meaning Some rules for capitalization have been followed	Good mechanics Minimal grammatical errors Minimal spelling errors	Excellent mechanics No grammatical errors No spelling errors
Creativity / Style: -interesting sentences and vocabulary -holds readers interest	Minimal attempts to grab reader's attention Bland word choices	Some attempt to grab reader's attention No attempt to use interesting words	Catches the reader's attention Interesting word choices Interesting and creative	Catches the reader's attention Very interesting and creative Interesting word choices	Catches the reader's attention Strong supports Interesting word choices
Point of View	Point of view is not evident No understanding of character is evident	Written in first person Demonstrates minimal understanding of the character	Written in first person Demonstrates some understanding of the character	Written in first person Demonstrates very good understanding of the character	Written in first person Demonstrates in-depth understanding of the character