

The Outsiders

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Themes

- Closing the gap between the Rich and the Poor
- Honor even among people who are considered criminals
- The importance of loyalty in friendship (camaraderie)
- How a person creates and keeps his/her identity

Symbols

1. Literature
 - Wealth and power
 - A way to connect people across differences
2. Two-Bit's switchblade
 - Lack of respect for authority
 - Sense of individual power
3. Cars
 - Socs = power
 - Greasers = weakness
4. Bob's Rings
5. Greaser Hair
 - Sense of identity as a greaser
 - going against the rules of "rich" society
6. Sunsets
7. Home
8. Dreaming vs Reality

Slang Dictionary

- Do you talk different around your parents & teachers than you do around your friends?
- We can tell a lot about people by thinking about the way they talk.
- Many words the characters in *Grease* and *The Outsiders* use slang when they talk.
- We will keep a dictionary of important slang words while we read.

Identity

- Personal: The things that make you an individual.
- Group: The things that describe the way people in a certain group act and look.
- Ways we can Group People
 - Social Class – how much money and wealth you have
 - Race – your ethnicity
 - Clique – a small group of friends that does not let new people join very easily
 - Gang – a group of criminals who stick together
- Stereotypes happen when we judge people based on how they look, act, and who their friends are without knowing them as a person.

See, Think, Wonder



The Greasers



The Socs (Socials)



Long Greaser Hair



The Outsiders Movie



The Outsiders Movie



Common Weapons

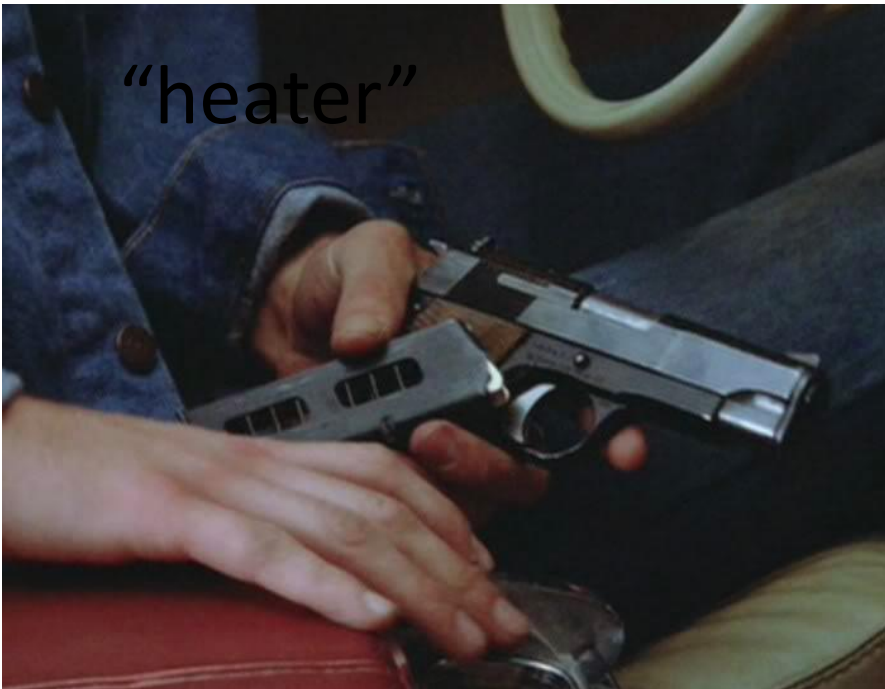
Switchblade



broken
pop
bottle



“heater”



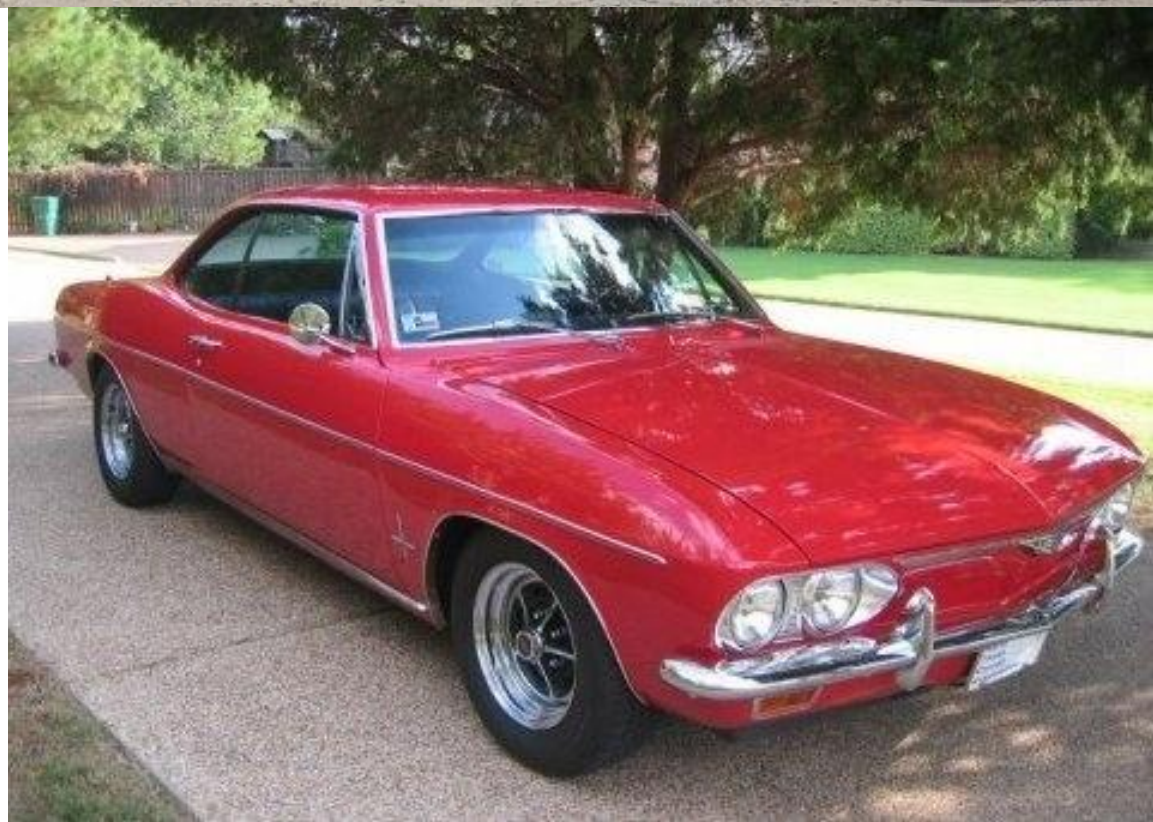
Pipe





Soc's Cars

Blue Mustang
&
Red Corvair



Socs: The Beatles, Madras, & Mustangs

