**The Outsiders – Reviewing the Novel**

**Development Question:** In your opinion, what is the climax of the story? Explain.

1. Answer the question in a complete sentence: *In my opinion, I think the climax is when...*
2. Provide at least 3 ideas that prove that the chosen event is the climax.
3. Explain how the event fits the characteristics of a climax.
4. Conclude: *In conclusion...*
5. Use transitional words or phrases: *to start, to begin, furthermore, moreover, otherwise, in addition, unlike, next, following, however, after all, as I have said, for example, for instance, as a result...*

**Climax Criteria:**

* Most intense part of the story
* Highest emotions
* An important decision is made that leads to a resolution
* An important action is taken that leads to a resolution
* Is usually near the end of the story
* Is a turning point that provides a solution to the main conflict

Answer – Typed:

**Development Question:** Compare and contrast the two following characters: Ponyboy and Tex. (How are they similar? How are they different?)

Step 1: Brainstorming – Characterization

Type your answers within the chart.

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| Traits | Ponyboy | Tex |
| Age |  |  |
| Appearance |  |  |
| Background |  |  |
| Personality |  |  |
| Actions |  |  |
| Interests |  |  |
| Thoughts and Feelings |  |  |

Step 2: **Development Question:** Are Ponyboy and Tex more similar than they are different?

1. Answer the question in a complete sentence: *Ponyboy and Tex are more similar than they are different. OR Ponyboy and Tex are more different than they are similar.*
2. Provide at least 3 examples to prove their similarities or differences.
3. Explain your reasoning behind your answer. (How did you come to that conclusion and why?)
4. Conclude: *In conclusion both characters are clearly more...because...*
5. Use transitional words or phrases: *to start, to begin, furthermore, moreover, otherwise, in addition, unlike, next, following, however, after all, as I have said, for example, for instance, as a result...*

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