Diary Prompts based on *The Outsiders*

Based on the information on your character sheets, write a brief biography of your character’s life. Approximately 150-200 words. The reader should grasp the important details of your character’s life by what you’ve written in your biography.

Then on a separate piece of paper write out your character’s diary entries.

Remember to include sensory details when writing your diary entries to paint a vivid picture for your reader. Consider our discussion in class about crisis management, what a teenager can do in a crisis and who they can reach out to for support. Each diary entry should be 150-200 words. Start with a rough draft.

**Scenario #1:** Your character is hanging with, or approached by, a group of peers at lunch and has just been told by one of his/her friends that a person who is not considered attractive and socially awkward likes him/her and would like to meet. All the friends think the situation is hilarious and consider the person as a loser.

Choices: Your character

1. Smiles and says, “I’ve heard he/she is very nice,” and changes the topic.
2. Tries to be funny by making a negative comment about the person’s appearance.
3. Creates a negative nickname for the person and encourages everyone to start using it.
4. Agrees to meet with the person.
5. Gets mad at the person who gave him/her the news.
6. Your choice

Write the consequences: 3 days later

**Scenario #2**: Your character is hanging out with a group of people who he/she knows but aren’t part of his/her friend group, begin to negatively stereotype your character’s group (ethnic, religious, social etc.). He/she thinks the stereotype is funny.

Choices: Your character

* He/she laughs along with everyone else.
* He/she laughs along and adds to the stereotype.
* He/she smacks the person who started it.
* He/she insults the person who started it.
* He/she tells other people in the stereotyped group and your character and these other people go on social media to insult and threaten the people who were stereotyping.
* Your choice

Write the consequences: A few days later

**Scenario #3:** One of the members of the group your character hangs out with has managed to get an unflattering picture of a person from another group who is very smart and sometimes seems arrogant. What does your character do?

Choices:

* Says: Let’s post the picture on social media
* Blackmail the person in the picture, saying we will post this picture unless you do something for us.
* Tell the person who took the picture it is illegal to take a picture of someone without his/her knowledge.
* Your choice

Write the consequences: A few days later

**Scenario #4**: Someone has started to post negative comments about your character on social media. It has a few “likes”. It might even start trending. Your character has an *idea* who is doing it, but she/he isn’t sure. What does your character do?

* Get some friends together to find and beat up this person.
* Start posting negative comments about this person you suspect.
* Confront the person face to face to ask why he/she is posting these negative comments.
* Tell a person in authority.
* Do nothing other than talk to your friends about it.
* Your choice

Write the consequences: a day or two later

**Scenario #5:** Your character and a good friend get accused of stealing a classmate’s phone. You character knows his/her friend did it and your character has nothing to do with it. However, his/her friend doesn’t say anything and both of you are accused and the principal is contacting the RCMP. What does your character do?

* Tell the principal your friend did it and you had nothing to do with it.
* Blame another person
* Say to the principal, “you don’t know what you are talking about” and walk out of the office.
* Take the blame yourself for reasons you can make-up.
* Do nothing and wait for the RCMP
* Your choice

Write the consequences:

**Scenario #6**: One of your character’s good friends has been kicked out of school for something he/she didn’t do. Your character knows who actually did it; also, someone he/she knows, but not a good friend. Your accused friend asks you to help him/her by telling the truth. What does your character do?

* Tell the authorities who actually did it.
* Tell peers who actually did it and hope one of them will tell authorities.
* Talk to the person who did it and tell him/her to turn him/herself in.
* Threaten the person who did it with violence if he/she doesn’t turn him/herself in.
* Your choice

**Scenario #7:** Your character and a friend find a wallet that belongs to a person who has just lost her job and has three kids. Wallet has credit cards, driver’s license and a significant amount of cash.

What does you character do?

**Scenario #8:** Your character is hanging out with a group of his/her friends at the side of the lake. Down a way from where the group is a car swerves and drives off of an embankment and into a lake; the car is not fully submerged, back of the car is sticking out of the water; family of four in car.

Does your character jump in to help?