1. Physical location

List the location(s) in which the text is set.	
Find three adjectives to describe these locations e.g. urban/rural, real/ imaginary	
Describe the time period in which the text is set.	
Find two pieces of evidence to show that your text is set during a particular time period.	

2. Cultural context

Do any of the following issues affect the characters in *The Outsiders*? Place a tick in the box next to the relevant issues. Give examples to show how a character has to deal with a particular issue.

Social class divide		
Money		
Gender divide		
Racism		
Violence		
Religion		
Family		

3. How does the central character, Ponyboy Curtis, deal with the challenges of living in the world of *The Outsiders*? Is he successful/unsuccessful in dealing with these challenges? Explain your answer.

4. Would you like to live in the world of The Outsiders? Explain your answer.