The Outsiders

Questions - Compare and contrast the movie and novel

Answer all of these questions in complete sentences.

1) There are three characters that look very different in the movie in comparison to what the book described their appearance to be. Who are these three characters, how is their appearance different when you compare the book and movie?

2) Compare and contrast the book and movie in the scene when Ponyboy meets Cherry.

3) When Ponyboy comes home and he gets into an argument with his brother. Compare and contrast this scene between the situation in the novel and the situation in the movie.

4) Do you think the movie represented the murder scene as well as the book did? Justify your answer. Define foreshadowing. Did you notice any foreshadowing?

5) How is the scene different in the movie when the boys see Dallas about running away after the murder. Where did Dallas get the cash he gave the boys in the novel?

6) Compare and contrast the novel and movie scene when Johnny and Pony escape to Windrixville. Who did they talk to on their way to the church in the novel?

7) How is the location (scene) of the church different in the novel compared to the location (scene) in the movie?
8) When Dallas takes Johnny and Ponyboy to the Dairy Queen what happens in the movie that did not happen in the novel?

9) Compare and contrast the scene when the church is on fire.

10) Are you surprised that Steve and Two Bit found chocolate cake at the Curtis house (in the movie)? Why? (Hint: In the novel Ponyboy explains this)

11) Compare and contrast the hospital scenes in the novel and movie.

12) When the rumble starts, how do Darry and Paul know each other?

13) Compare and contrast the ending of the novel and the ending of the movie. Which was more effective the novel or the movie? Why? (Be descriptive. This answer should be at least half a page)

14) Identify other differences when comparing the novel to the movie?

15) Identify five strong similarities between the novel and the movie?

16) What did you enjoy more, the movie or the novel? Why?
The Outsiders Choice Board

Choice 1: POETRY

Robert Frost’s “Nothing Gold Can Stay” plays a prominent role in the story The Outsiders. Johnny and Ponyboy are both touched by a spectacular sunrise, and Frost’s words say what the boys cannot.

Complete these activities in a booklet form.
• Rewrite the poem from the story on a piece of A4 paper and decorate it.
• Find and write out two other poems by Robert Frost.
• Write your own poem about a sunrise. Publish it into your booklet.
• Write out four poems that appeal to you. On the back of the page write a paragraph about why you like the poems.
Decorate all of the pages in your booklet. Include a contents page.

Choice 2: Letter Writing

Write a letter to S.E Hinton. Tell her what you liked about The Outsiders, and ask her any questions you may have about the writing of the book. Give her some suggestions for a sequel to The Outsiders.

Choice 3: Poster

The Outsiders is about to be remade into a new movie and you have been chosen to design the promotional poster.

Include the title and author of the book, a listing of the main characters and the actors (modern actors!) who will play them, a drawing of a scene from the book and a short synopsis of the story.

This will be displayed so please make an effort with your lettering etc.