The Outsiders: Before Reading

Prediction Prompt

Student Directions:

* Get out one sheet of paper per group.
* Work with your tablemates.
* Read the following words and phrases.
* Sort them into categories. Label your categories. Make sure to place all the words and phrases into at least one category.
* Be prepared to explain to the class why you chose those categories for each word.

Teacher Instructions:

Display the following words on a smart board or white board. You can use a document camera, Microsoft Power Point or Slides.

gold *Gone with the Wind* madras cowlick dissect

leather jacket lift lynx rumble valance

Mustang tuff cooler ribbons China-blue worm

marked lousy Elvis Paul Newman souped-up

two bits worth in swipe haircut savvy Greek God

jeans and t-shirt movie-star kind of handsome blow it off

sodapop nervous wreck little dark puppy Corvair

English Leather grizzly Will Rogers elfish

*Great Expectations* biology Beatles hood

Student Directions:

Predict: What's the Book About?

* Individually, write two, full sentence predictions about the book based on the words and phrases you sorted.

For example: What do you think is the topic of the book? What is the setting?

* What details about the main character(s) do you think you can glean from these words and phrases? How about the conflict?