

The Outsiders Pre Reading Activity

“Who’s in and Who’s not? (Opinion)”

1. Make a list of the different groups that exist at your school.
2. Pick two of the above groups. What do they wear? Do they have a distinct hairstyle? What do they do for fun? How can one tell that a person belongs to this group? Do they all have similar racial or religious backgrounds, social status or intelligence levels?
3. Do these groups get along? Which do and which don’t? Why?
4. Is it important to belong to a certain group in your school? Why or why not?
5. Are there gangs at your school?
6. Why do you think gangs form?
7. Where and under what circumstances do you think gangs are most likely to form?