

**Hamden High School—Required Summer Reading Assignment  
Note-taking Sheets, Summer 2016**

Directions: When you return to school for the 2016-2017 academic year, you will be required to write about each of the books you have chosen to read over the summer. (*One of your choices must be fiction*). You will be required to make specific reference to the content of your chosen books. For your convenience we are providing you with note-taking sheets, which you may use when writing your response. Note-taking sheets are optional, though encouraged. The example below is from a work of fiction but the same format can be used for nonfiction titles as well. You should be looking for quotes that are important to you and help you understand the larger meanings and theme of the text.

**SAMPLE**

<b>Passage from the text and page number</b>	<b>What this passage shows/ means to me/ means to the text...</b>
<p>“It’s okay... We aren’t in the same class. Just don’t forget that some of us watch the sunset too.” (page 50, Ponyboy, <i>The Outsiders</i>)</p>	<p>Ponyboy speaks these words to Cherry Valance. He suggests that watching the sunset makes the greasers and the Socs equal. He realizes that even though the two groups have different lifestyles, they are still the same. The words “some of us watch the sunset, too” shows that stereotypes about greasers are just that and that they can appreciate the beauty in the world just like anyone else. They are the same, but different, and this recognition is a small step to possibly undoing the gang rivalry between the two groups.</p>
<p>Book title:</p>	<p>Author:</p>


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