

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Summer Reading Assignment

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

As you read the assigned novels, keep mind the following focus question: “What does it mean to be an insider or outsider?” Use the spaces provided to take notes about each character and their situations in the books. Take note of their experiences when they felt as if they were an “insider” or “outsider.” How did their inner feelings influence the decisions they made, their interactions with other characters, the problems they faced, etc. These notes will help you prepare for your first writing assignment when you return to school in September.

True Son – The Light in the Forest

Homer Hickam – October Sky

Ponyboy – The Outsiders

Your experience as an insider or outsider