VOCABULARY - The Outsiders

Chapters 1-3 Part I: Using Prior Knowledge and Contextual Clues

Below are the sentences in which the vocabulary words appear in the text. Read the

sentence. Use any clues you can find in the sentence combined with your prior knowledge, and

write what you think the underlined words mean on the lines provided.

1. I have to be content with what I have.

2. I am a greaser and most of my neighborhood rarely bothers to get a haircut.

3. I thought I was the only person in the world that did. So I loned it.

4. Not like the Socs, who jump greasers and wreck houses and throw beer blasts for kicks, and

get editorials in the paper for being a public disgrace one day and an asset to society the next.

Chapters 1-2 Continued

9. Steve Randle was seventeen, tall and lean, with thick greasy hair he kept combed in

complicated swirls.

10. "Sure," I said, trying for Soda's sake to keep the sarcasm out of my voice.

11. She gave him an incredulous look; and then she threw her Coke in his face.

12. "Okay," I said nonchalantly, "might as well."

Part II: Determining the Meaning

Match the vocabulary words to their dictionary definitions. If there are words for which

you cannot figure out the definition by contextual clues and by process of elimination, look them

up in a dictionary.

1. content A. worth

2. rarely B. indifferently

3. loned C. tuft of hair growing in a different direction

4. asset D. unbelieving

5. slouched E. trembling, shaking

6. madras F. bitter cutting jest

7. cowlick G. by oneself

8. quivering H. an ungainly gait

9. complicated I. satisfied, pleased

10. sarcasm J. uncommon, infrequent

11. incredulous K. involved

hapters 3-4 Continued

Part II: Determining the Meaning -- Match the vocabulary words to their definitions.

1. sophisticated A. giving up, accepting the future

2. elite B. confused, perplexed

3. resignedly C. cultured, worldly

4. unceasingly D. to shrink back as from pain

5. bootlegging E. previous warning, information, feeling

6. apprehensive F. scornful, insolent

7. contemptuously G. continual

8. winced H. a select body, th

hapters 7-9 Continued

9. Tim grinned ruefully probably thinking of his roughneck, hard-headed brother.

10. We mostly stuck with our own outfits, so I was a little leery of going over to him.

Part II: Determining the Meaning -- Match the vocabulary words to their definitions.

1. mimicking A. heroic acts, adventures

2. recurring B. regretfully, sorrowfully

3. aghast C. wary, suspicious

4. exploits D. likeness, similarity

5. abruptly E. without d

hapters 10-12 Continued

9. He veered off to the right, but I caught him in a flying tackle before he'd gone more than a

couple of steps.

Part II: Determining the Meaning -- Match the vocabulary words to their definitions.

1. stupor A. confusedly

2. delirious B. swerved, turned aside from a course or direction

3. grasped C. driven to take any risk

4. acquitted D. to declare untrue; contradict

5. desperate E. understood

6. bewilderedly F. senses are deadened

7. deny G. discharged completed, set free from a legal charge

8. pity H. betraying fear, pain or surprise with an

involuntary gesture

9. flinching I. compassion for suffering

10. veered J. confusion, disordered speech, hallucinations