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Argumentative Brainstorming Page

Prompt: Write an argumentative essay in which you take a clear position on this question: Is *The Outsiders* still relevant and important for middle school students today? Argue for or against keeping it in the curriculum and support your position with evidence from the novel.

Keep *The Outsiders* (Still Relevant)	**Remove *The Outsiders* (Not Relevant)**

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After discussing with the class, **circle** the column title that reflects your position. **Underline** two different reasons in that column that support your claim.

Then, use the space below to brainstorm specific examples from the novel that could support each reason.

Reason 1	Reason 2

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