

Film Title and Release Date: *The Outsiders* (1983)

Length of Film in Minutes: 93 minutes

Genre: Drama

Reviewer Name and Grade: Natalie S., 8th Grade

Date reviewed: February 25, 2022

This movie takes place in the 1980's. It is about two different groups in society. One being the "greasers" and the other being the "socs." The greasers are known to be too emotional and feel too much, while the greasers feel too little. The socs. are rich and have good lives, while the greasers have to fight and work hard for a good life. Members of the greasers are Ponyboy, Sodapop, Darry, Dally, Johnny, Two-Bit, Tim Shepard and Steve. The greasers are Cherry, Marcia, Bob, Randy and Paul. The movie takes place in Oklahoma and features scenes in many different areas. This movie is about greasers vs. socs. and the greaser vs. society. The movie portrays the struggles each character faces and their attempt to solve their problems. What happens in this movie is that Ponyboy decides not to listen to a rule that his brother has. His brother gets very upset at him and he runs away with Johnny. On the way a big murder scene happens which shocks everyone around. The two boys have to run and try to survive. Despite the struggles the greasers go through, at the end they are able to nke use of what they have left.

How did you find the film on Kanopy (by title search, subject search, casual browsing, etc.)?

I was able to find this movie by just browsing through the Kanopy website. I had actually read the book for this already and the movie caught my attention.

Did the plot (for fictional movie) or presentation of information (for documentary) keep you interested?

The plot of this story kept me pretty interested. There was a lot of action and scenes in the movie that kept me on the edge of my seat.

Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right?

The pace of the film was sometimes fast and sometimes slow. At some points they didn't explain well what was happening and at other points they dragged it on for too long.

What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for?

This film is probably appropriate for middle school to high school level students. It does contain some violence, but not anything too crazy.

Rating:

I would have to rate this film 3 stars. This is because I had higher hopes for the film. I had read the book just before and found it more interesting. It brought about more information and detail than the movie. However, the movie did a good job of showing the basics of what was happening. It showed enough detail so that viewers could understand it properly.

Reviewer's Name and Grade: Benjamin W., 10th Grade

Date Reviewed: March 20, 2022

In Tulsa, Oklahoma, Ponyboy Curtis and his brothers, Darry and Sodapop, live on the poor side of town. They are known as greasers. On the other side of town live their rivals, wealthier kids known as socs. Between these two groups, conflict brews constantly. One night, Ponyboy sneaks into a drive-in movie theater with his friends Johnny and Dally. Two soc girls sit in front of them and Dally tries to flirt with one named Cherry. When Dally leaves, the girls invite Ponyboy and Johnny to sit up with them and then walk them home. However, as they leave the movie theater, the girl's boyfriends, Bob and Randy, pull up and confront them. Johnny recognizes one of them, Bob, as the boy who beat him up previously. To avoid further conflict, the girls leave with their boyfriends and Ponyboy and Johnny go to a nearby park to hang out. They fall asleep by accident and when Ponyboy wakes up, he hurries home but gets in trouble with his older brother Darry, who was worried sick about him. Ponyboy runs away from home and meets up with Johnny again in the park. While they plan on how to run away, Bob and Randy pull up with a bunch of their friends and start drowning Ponyboy in the fountain. Johnny panics and stabs Bob, killing him and making the other boys run away. When Ponyboy regains consciousness, the two realize they have to run so they go to Dally so he can hide them. Dally tells Ponyboy and Johnny to hop a train and hide out in an abandoned church until the coast is clear. Ponyboy and Johnny make it to the church and decide to cut their hair to hide their identity. To pass the time, Ponyboy reads *Gone with the Wind* to Johnny. After many days, Dally comes to visit the two of them and take them out for lunch. He tells them that Cherry is willing to back them up in court and that Sodapop wants his brother to come back. When they get back to the church, they find it on fire with a bunch of kids stuck in it. Dally tells Ponyboy and Johnny to leave the kids but they decide to rescue them, believing it was their cigarette that caused the fire. The two of them get all the children out but the roof falls on Johnny before he can get out. Dally jumps through the window to rescue him, but he is badly injured. Back home, the greasers prepare for a rumble with the socs. They easily win it and Ponyboy and Dally go to tell the good news to Johnny. However, Johnny is unimpressed and ends up dying, leaving Dally in grief. Unable to handle his death, Dally robs a grocery store and gets shot by the owner. While still alive, he tells his friends to meet him at the park, but the cops get there first. Not wanting to live anymore, he points his empty gun at the cops and they shoot him.

Now, I will answer some questions about the film:

How did you find the film on Kanopy (by title search, subject search, casual browsing, etc.)? - I found this film through casual browsing. It was in the Newly Added Movies section.

Did the plot keep you interested? - This plot definitely kept me interested. While I had already read the book, I was still left wondering what would happen next every scene.

Was the pace of the film too fast, too slow, or just right? - I think the pace of this film was just right. The conflicts between the greasers and socs were nice and spread out.

What grade level(s) is this film appropriate for? - I think this film is appropriate for kids in grades 7-12. There is a decent amount of violence that wouldn't make this film suitable for younger kids.

I would rate this film *5 stars*. The plot was really good and the acting was great.