

Book Report: The Outsiders and Walk Two Moons

Inside of my first book, *The Outsiders* by S.E. Hinton, a family is a group of at least two people who live together to endure the hardships of the every day life. In Ponyboy's family his oldest brother Darry is a parent, Sodapop is a worker, and Ponyboy serves as the child. The family of Darry, Sodapop, and Ponyboy seemed to not get along in the beginning, but they shaped up in the end to avoid getting put into foster homes. Darry, Sodapop, and Ponyboy came together with the gang to finally beat the Socs and end the conflict once and for all. Ponyboy's family weakened when Ponyboy ran away with Johnny, but they were restrengthened because Ponyboy came back. Ponyboy's family provided him with a place to stay and people to love.

Inside of my second book, *Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech, a family is a group of people who can come and go as they choose. The wives of three families (Salamanca's, Phoebe's, and Gramps's) left in some point in the story, because someone didn't appreciate them. When the wife left, the other family members learned how important the wife/mother is. When the wife/mother left, the other family members would realize their weakness without them, and appreciate the strength that she gave them. When Salamanca finally figured out what actually happened to her mother, she felt more at ease, knowing that her mother couldn't come back because of a bus crash.