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The Outsiders: Chapter 7

Creative Writing: Newspaper Article

In chapter 7 of *The Outsiders*, a newspaper article titled "JUVENILE DELINQUENTS TURN HEROES" is published about Johnny Cade, Ponyboy Curtis, and Dallas Winston. The article's contents are discussed, but the article itself is not included. Pretend you are a journalist for *The Tulsa Times* who has been assigned to cover this story. Write an article matching the given headline that describes the boys' heroic rescue of the children from the burning church.



Your article should be **at least 3 paragraphs**. It must contain:

- the essential details (who, what, when, where, and why)



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- **at least 1 quote** from Johnny, Ponyboy, Darry, Sodapop, or Two-Bit reacting to the event afterward

(Note: you will create the quotes yourself, as if you had interviewed the characters like a true journalist. Try to capture their unique voices!)

Write your article in a way that sounds like a real newspaper reporting on a heroic event. A suggested organizational structure is listed below, but you are not limited to it.

- **paragraph 1:** essential information and background information
- **paragraph 2:** details of the rescue and its aftermath
- **paragraph 3:** quotes and reactions from witnesses and people involved

You will be graded on the accuracy of your details and their alignment with the events of the novel; your use of quotes, including their believability; the appropriateness of your style and tone for a newspaper article; and your grammar, sentence structure, and spelling.

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