**Inferencing Activity: Limitations of a First Person Narrator**

**First Person Narrator**

First person narration occurs when a character is telling the story from his/her perspective using "I".

**Advantages**=The reader has the opportunity to see inside the thoughts and feelings of a character. It is also interesting to see the events of the novel through the eyes of a character. The readers also easily connect to the character/narrator.

**Disadvantages**=The reader ***only*** sees the events of the novel through the narrator's eyes. This means we will miss important events and perspectives in the novel. We may connect so much to the character that we become blinded and fail to accurately understand other characters. That is why **inferencing** skills are so important when reading a book with a first person narrator.

**Let’s make an inference about the character of Darry…**

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| **Literal: What does Ponyboy tell us about Darry?**  **\*Include quotes from the text.** | **Inferential: Read between the lines and write down positive traits that you notice about Darry.** |
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**Inferential Statement: Is Ponyboy being fair to Darry? Why or why not?**

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**Character Activity (Adjusted)**

**First Person Narrator**

First person narration occurs when a character is telling the story from his/her perspective using "I". Everything we know in this story comes from Ponyboy’s words and actions.

**Advantages**=The reader has the opportunity to see inside the thoughts and feelings of a character. It is also interesting to see the events of the novel through the eyes of a character. The readers also easily connect to the character/narrator.

**Disadvantages**=The reader ***only*** sees the events of the novel through the narrator's eyes. This means we will miss important events and perspectives in the novel. We may connect so much to the character that we become blinded and fail to accurately understand other characters. That is why **inferencing** skills are so important when reading a book with a first person narrator.

**Let’s take a closer look at Darry’s character…**

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| **What are some positive points that Ponyboy tells us about Darry’s character?** | **What are some negative points that Ponyboy tells us about Darry’s character?** |
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**Is Ponyboy being fair to Darry? Why or why not?**

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